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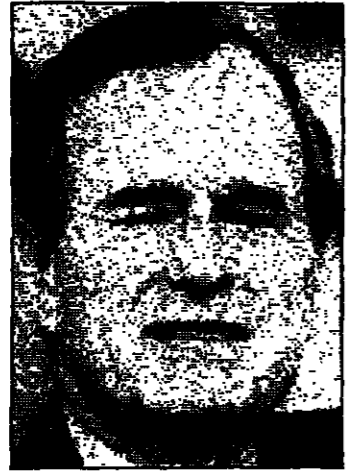
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Americans go to polls to elect next President

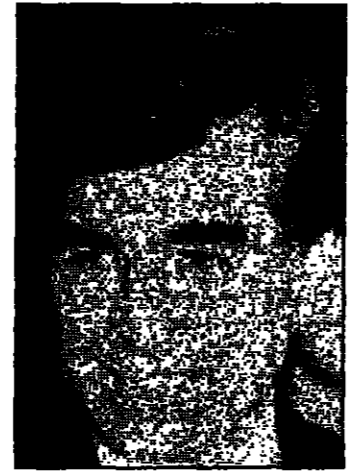
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HH the Amir (right) received Besharati (centre) yesterday.

Iran proposes talks for lasting Gulf peace

By Jadranka Porter

IRAN yesterday proposed a means to reach an agreement for lasting Gulf peace and to prevent any foreign military presence in the region.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati made the proposal during a news conference held in the Iranian charge d'affaires' residence in Kuwait after meetings with HH the Amir and the Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed.

Besharati arrived in Kuwait on Monday after visits to Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

relations between Iran and Kuwait, Besharati asked the Kuwaiti leadership to urge Iraq to set aside the side issues in the ongoing peace negotiations in Geneva taking place under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Iranian official accused Iraq of raising the side issues such as the clearing of the Shatt Al Arab waterway which is not part of the UN Resolution 598.

Drawing a difference between peace and a ceasefire, the envoy said Iran has to maintain its defences but added that the renewal of hostilities is unlikely.

However, he said that the peace negotiations could drag on for years.

Besharati said that Iran had accepted the UN secretary-general's proposal to set up an international panel to probe who started the war but this was rejected by Iraq "and Iraq still insists that the UN Resolution 598 should be implemented in its sequence."

Besharati also claimed that Iran had turned down offers of war reparations. He said such offers were also made by major powers, but Iran, taking into consideration its geographical location, manpower and mineral resources "did not respond to these offers of financial assistance."

About his talks in Kuwait, Besharati said the discussions focused on three main points, namely the bilateral relations, economic developments in the region and the Geneva peace talks.

Congress

Both candidates ended their campaigns by returning to their bases to vote after months-long odysseys of thousands of miles across the nation.

Dukakis, 55, went to Massachusetts where he is governor, and Bush, 64, to Houston in his

adopted state of Texas.

In addition to selecting the next leader of the Western world, voters were electing a new Congress, 12 state governors and taking part in a variety of local referenda on issues ranging from gun control in Maryland to a California requirement that doctors notify the state of AIDS patients.

All 435 seats in the House of Representatives were at stake, as were 33 of the 100 Senate seats. Polls predicted Congress would remain firmly in Democratic control.

Bush, trying to become the first incumbent Vice-President to be elected President in 152 years, was buoyed by opinion polls that gave him a lead of five to 12 percentage points.

A CBS poll released today said the Vice-President led Dukakis by 52-43 per cent.

Estimated

World financial markets, sensing a Bush victory, saw the dollar firm slightly and shares edged cautiously higher in equity markets round the globe.

Bush and his wife, Barbara

voted at a hotel in Houston.

"We feel good about it," said Bush, adding he was "nervous but hoping it all works out." He returned to the Houstonian Hotel, his official residence in Texas, to await the result.

Bush was estimated to have a strong hold on far more than the 270 electoral votes needed to become the 41st President.

That compared to less than 100 for Dukakis.

The presidency is won by the candidate with a majority of the 538 votes in the electoral college, in which each state is represented in proportion to its population. The winner of the state popular vote receives all of its electoral votes.

Dukakis cast his ballot at a housing project in his home town of Brookline with his wife Kitty and three children.

He made no statement to 200 shouting supporters.

For 50 hours without a break Dukakis had dashed across the country, stopping in 11 cities in nine key states.

At a pre-dawn rally in Des Moines, Iowa, he urged several thousand supporters in subfreezing temperatures to get out the vote because "victory is within our grasp."

After a stop in Detroit,

Michigan, it was on to Boston.

It was the end of a 560-day, 500,000-mile (800,000-km) quest for the presidency by Dukakis, who sought to portray himself in the mould of John Kennedy, a Bostonian who edged Richard Nixon in 1960 by a margin of 112,000 popular votes.

For an upset, Dukakis would have to take almost all of the roughly two dozen states where polls say he is leading or trailing by just a few percentage points.

Bush, with solid support in the south and the west, needed only to win some of the close states to

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Iraq, Iran to swap sick POWs

GENEVA, Nov. 8, (Agencies): Iraq and Iran agreed today to exchange all sick and wounded prisoners of war but otherwise remained firmly stuck on square one at the 10-week-old Gulf peace talks.

"No progress on matters of substance," UN mediator Jan Eliasson of Sweden conceded to reporters ahead of another meeting with the two sides to discuss troop withdrawal and full POW repatriation.

Iraq and Iran were obliged as parties to the 1949 Geneva War Convention to at once release and return all wounded POWs regardless of any talks on a long-term peace settlement.

As guardian of the convention, the neutral International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva had called on Baghdad and Tehran ever since the Aug 20 ceasefire to honour that obligation.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati agreed last week and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz advised the ICRC today of his country's agreement.

ICRC President Cornelio Sommaruga assured both sides that Red Cross delegates will now proceed with registration of the sick and wounded and organise their repatriation, officials said.

There are a registered 1,526 sick and wounded prisoners out of an estimated total of 100,000 or even more POWs.

Aziz in a statement said Baghdad, although it wanted complete POW repatriation independent of the political talks, accepted an exchange of sick and wounded "for humanitarian considerations."

He said the ICRC had registered 411 sick and wounded Iranian POWs in Iraq and 1,115 Iraqis in Iran.

Ayatollah Mohajerani, the Iranian delegate responsible for POW questions, said Tehran "has no problem" with such an exchange and that "it now depends on the Red Cross to arrange the timing."

The Iranian news agency IRNA said it amounted to at least "the first sign of progress at the deadlocked talks."

At the negotiations, an impasse over control of the Shatt Al Arab waterway and border demarcation still blocked the withdrawal of frontline forces as the first step on the agenda.

That in turn prevented agreement on full repatriation of all POWs stipulated as step two by the UN Security Council.

Claimed

Iraq complained to the United Nations today that Iran was threatening to trigger a fresh bout of the Gulf war by ordering troops to its frontlines.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted Aziz as telling UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that Iranian agreement to a ceasefire was merely a tactical ploy.

Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander Mohsen Rezai said on Sunday Tehran would send troops to the frontlines as long as UN Security Council Resolution 598 on the ceasefire was not implemented.

SLA leader Lahd shot and wounded

BEIRUT, Nov. 8, (Reuters): The attempt to assassinate an Israeli-backed militia chief by a ballet teacher belonging to the Lebanese Communist Party has posed a fresh challenge to Israel's military role in Lebanon.

Security sources said Israeli officers were interrogating Suha Bshara, a 21-year-old communist, after she shot and wounded General Antoine Lahd, commander of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, yesterday.

In Israel, a spokesman at Haifa's Rambam Hospital said the 61-year-old Lahd was in a stable condition today after surgery to repair a damaged artery.

Claimed

Bshara twice shot Lahd, a former Lebanese Army major-general and Israel's main ally in Lebanon, at his home in the Christian town of Marjayoun inside Israel's self-proclaimed border security zone.

The Communist Party claimed responsibility today for the shooting and issued a photograph of Bshara, a Christian whom it described as "the rose of the south" ordered to kill Lahd.

Sources in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley said commandos were on alert in case of Israeli retaliation for the attack. Israel has launched 23 air strikes on Lebanon this year.

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Death toll in Chinese quake exceeds 900

BEIJING, Nov. 8, (Reuters): The death toll from a powerful earthquake in southwest China rose above 900 as reports trickled in from stricken villages and rescue teams headed for the remote mountainous region near the Burmese border.

National radio said 270 bodies had been recovered from one village alone.

Officials said that by afternoon today 939 people were known to have been killed by a quake which jolted most of Yunnan, a province of 35 million people, on Sunday.

The tremor, measuring 7.6 on the open-ended Richter scale inflicted damage over 40,000 square km (15,000 sq. miles).

State radio said 689 people died and 635 were seriously injured in five devastated areas. It did not mention Lancang county, epicentre of the quake, where early reports said 14 villages were virtually destroyed.

"Most of the deaths are in Lancang county," a Civil Affairs Ministry official said. "We are still collecting data."

More than 36 aftershocks were felt in the Lancang area, home to 392,000 people, many of them Lahu tribesmen of Sino-Tibetan stock.

State radio said a strong quake of similar intensity struck the region in 1981, killing 40,000 people.

Tourists in Kunming, about 400 km (250 miles) away, said hotel ceiling lamps swayed but they had not seen any damage to buildings in the Yunnan provincial capital.

Officials in Kunming said they planned to airlift tents, food and medicine to survivors, peasants squatting amid rubble and a woman carrying a child through the ruins of a village.

Medical teams were preparing blood transfusions and soldiers from the People's Liberation Army and police were aiding the rescue, official media said.

Pakistani voters need not show IDs

LAHORE, Nov. 8, (Reuters): A Pakistani provincial court struck out a requirement that voters need identity cards to vote in next week's election but state television said the government would appeal to the Supreme Court.

The judgement by Punjab province high court today was the third legal victory for Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party over the Nov 16 poll.

Two PPP candidates for Lahore challenged last month's presidential decree that voters must produce identity cards.

The government said this was to prevent electoral fraud. The opposition PPP said 30 to 40 per cent of the electorate, especially women, did not have cards.

The two Lahore high court judges ruled that the right to vote given by the constitution could not be restricted by subordinate legislation.

The judgement said: "The electors (voters) will be entitled to be given ballot papers to cast their votes if they produce their national identity cards. But if they do not have them, they can produce any other proof of their identity to the satisfaction of the presiding officer."

"If a candidate or his agent objects, the elector may be issued ... what is called a 'challenged ballot paper.'" If an elector is found at fault, the law will take its course."

King Hussein pays a short visit

KUWAIT, Nov. 8, (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein paid a flying visit to Kuwait today and discussed Iran-Iraq peace talks, the Palestinian uprising and Lebanon's political crisis with HH the Amir of Kuwait, the Kuwait News Agency KUNA reported.

KUNA said the visit, which lasted little more than two hours, also touched on bilateral ties.

Diplomatic sources said the King was likely to have raised Jordan's economic problems with the Amir.

Kuwait and other Gulf Arab states have pledged financial aid to Jordan as a front-line state bordering Israel.

Hussein later arrived in Bahrain on the second leg of his Gulf tour.

He is expected to fly to Qatar tomorrow and then to Oman where he will spend the night, regional news agencies reported.

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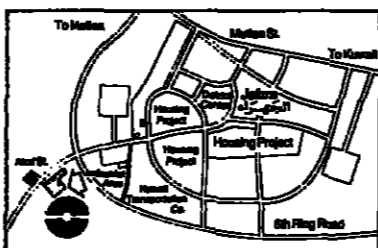
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100,000 flee as typhoon Skip batters Philippines

MANILA, Nov 8, (Reuters): At least 49 people were feared killed and more than 100,000 fled their homes as typhoon Skip pummeled the Philippines, triggering landslides and floods, officials said today.

Rooftop-high floods swept through villages in Capiz and Camarines Sur provinces, relief officials said, as the second destructive typhoon to hit the country in two weeks battered the central region with 175 kph (110 mph) winds.

Weathermen said Skip, which

spared Manila a direct hit, was heading towards Vietnam today.

At least 21 people were feared killed when landslides crushed 10 houses in the mountainside village of Santa Rosa in Camarines Sur, civil defence provincial administrator Gloria Luistro said.

Missing
"We've pulled out six bodies and it's been a day. The chances are the others are all dead," Luistro said by telephone.

"There was one whole family of eight that was buried by boulders and the only one rescuers recovered was the father and he was dead," she said.

Three people were buried alive and three were missing feared dead in another landslide in Pili municipality nearby.

Red Cross and social welfare department officials said 22 people died, most by drowning, elsewhere in the country of 58 million people. Nine drowned in coastal villages around Manila.

Many of those drowned were children and elderly people.

Suspension of Afghan pullout not a violation

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 8, (Reuters): The Geneva accords on Afghanistan are being implemented and Moscow's announcement of a suspension of the Soviet troop withdrawal is not a violation, a UN spokesman said yesterday.

"They (the Soviets) have said that they are suspending the withdrawal now, and that is not a violation of the Geneva agreement," spokesman Francois Giuliani told reporters.

Criticised
He noted that under the accords all Soviet troops were to be withdrawn from Afghanistan

by next Feb 15 and that half were to have been pulled out by last Aug 15. "And this has been done," he said.

"The Geneva agreements are being implemented," he added. The Kremlin said on Friday it had suspended its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan because of the worsening military situation there. The move was criticised by the United States, a co-guarantor of the accords.

Afghan rebels fighting to overthrow the Soviet-backed government in Kabul have moved into many areas as the Soviet troops have left.

Tourists evacuated from Sri Lankan beach resorts

COLOMBO, Nov 8, (AP): Nearly 9,000 foreign tourists were evacuated from beach resorts today after Sinhalese extremists threatened to attack hotels on the south coast, officials said.

A senior official of the government tourist board called the evacuation an "unnecessary panic." The government and embassies denied reports that all foreign tourists were advised to leave the country.

The official, who spoke on condition of not being identified, said the board had only instructed foreign tourists to avoid travel in the south. He said south-

ern hotels had been advised to transfer their guests north to Colombo and Negombo.

Most of the evacuated tourists were from West Germany, Britain, France and Italy.

The tourist board issued its warning after 10 hotels in the Kalutara district 42 kilometres (26 miles) south of Colombo received leaflets or telephone calls threatening an attack on the resorts unless the tourists left.

Hotel staffers who spoke on condition of not being identified said the threats were issued in the name of the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese extremist group.

Rajiv accused of receiving kickbacks

NEW DELHI, Nov 8, (AP): A top Indian opposition leader accused Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of concealing \$5.2 million in kickbacks in a Swiss bank, but a Rajiv aide said today the charge was a lie.

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, president of the four-party Janata Lok Dal alliance, told reporters Rajiv had a secret account at the Swiss Bank Corp. in Geneva.

Singh charged that three deposits were made to the account in connection with the purchase of Swedish howitzer field guns by India, in a contract valued at \$1.4 billion.

A Rajiv aide reiterated the prime minister's earlier denials by saying the charge was a lie and "an act of political mudslinging."

"We know V.P. (Singh) too well. He can stoop to any level for getting political mileage," Sitaram Keshri, treasurer of Rajiv's Congress Party, said today.

Giant carpet

NICOSIA, Nov 8, (Reuters): A Persian carpet the size of five tennis courts, representing four years of work by 40 weavers in a village near Najafabad in central Iran, was shown on Iranian television yesterday.

The silk and wool carpet with a beige background measures 40 by 31 metres (130 by 100 feet) and cost 200 million rials (\$3 million), said the television.

Americans go to polls to elect next ...

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gain the presidency.

Due to the negative tone of the campaign, many analysts predicted the lowest turnout since 1948, when about 51 per cent of the electorate gave Democrat Harry Truman an upset victory over Republican New York Governor Thomas Dewey.

The 1980 turnout which launched Ronald Reagan into eight years of one of the most popular presidencies in US history, was 52.6 per cent of those eligible.

Reagan was spending today quietly in the White House where he would watch the returns on television.

The 77-year-old Reagan has campaigned vigorously for Bush, playing on his record of peace and economic growth to get out the votes for his most loyal deputy.

Bush's vice-presidential running mate, Senator Dan Quayle, went home to Huntington, Indiana.

Dukakis' vice-presidential choice, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, was in Austin, Texas.

Influential
Bentsen has a strong lead in his Senate re-election race and was expected to remain chairman of the influential Senate finance committee if Bush occupies the White House.

Bush and Dukakis made one final national appeal to the voters. They each bought a half hour of television time for polished campaign commercials last night.

Bush's production featured a tribute from Reagan.

"George Bush is one of the ablest, one of the strongest men I've known in my lifetime. I trust George Bush. America can trust him too," Reagan said.

Fighter crash

NEW DELHI, Nov 8, (AP): A three-year-old girl died of injuries suffered when an Indian MiG-21 fighter plane crashed into a residential neighbourhood on the outskirts of the capital today, the United News of India news agency reported.

At least eight other people on the ground were injured, six of them seriously, the Defence Ministry and police said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Tamil mercenaries face trial in Male

MALE, Maldives, Nov. 8. (Reuters): India is returning for trial captured Tamil mercenaries and rebels who tried to topple the Maldives government and is pursuing another ship that may be carrying fleeing gunmen.

Maldivian security sources said 65 coup plotters are due to arrive in Male aboard an Indian warship today instead of the 46 that India originally said surrendered aboard the hijacked freighter Progress Light on Sunday.

The vessel sank on Monday after having been hit by Indian gunfire earlier.

But Indian High Commissioner Arun Banerjee said another suspicious ship that left Male around the time of the coup was being tailed by the Indian Navy towards the southern tip of India.

The Press Trust of India quoted Indian naval sources as saying 100 mercenaries could be aboard the small vessel.

But Banerjee said he did not know whether it was carrying more mercenaries fleeing after Indian troops helped put down a coup attempt in this Indian Ocean republic of 200,000 people last week.

"There is nothing definite but a boat has been sighted near Cape Comorin that is being kept under surveillance," he said.

He was speaking just a few hours after the Progress Light sank in the Indian Ocean as it was being brought back to Male.

The ship was damaged by fire from Indian troops as it tried to slip out of Male waters shortly after the first Indian paratroopers landed in the islands last Thursday.

Mercenaries holding hostages aboard the damaged and listing vessel surrendered on Sunday after Indian warships fired warning shots.

Four hostages were found dead aboard the freighter and three are missing. A further 15, including Maldivians, Transport and Shipping Minister Ahmed Mujthaba, are in a south Indian hospital with wounds sustained during the abortive coup or on a warship.

North Korea unveils reunification plan

TOKYO, Nov. 8. (Reuters): North Korea today unveiled a plan for reunifying the Korean peninsula and said it would send letters to the United States and South Korea about the proposal.

The North Korean central news agency, monitored in Tokyo, published a communiqué proposing a phased withdrawal of US forces from South Korea, arms cuts by North and South and an easing of political and military confrontation between the two.

The communiqué was issued by North Korea's central people's committee, a top state decision-making body, the standing committee of the supreme people's assembly, a parliamentary body, and the administrative council, a cabinet body.

North Korea said peace in the Korean peninsula had to be based on four principles.

Peace must be oriented toward reunification of the country, it must be guaranteed by the withdrawal of foreign armed forces and by arms cuts by North and South, and it must be realised through dialogue between the parties responsible for the aggravation of tensions.

The communiqué said the founding of a democratic confederate republic, to be known as Koryo, was the best way to solve the reunification question.

It proposed the withdrawal of US nuclear weapons from South Korea in two phases by the end of 1990, and of US forces in three phases by the end of 1991.

It also proposed that both North and South reduce their armed forces to 400,000 by the end of 1989, to 250,000 by the end of 1990 and to less than 100,000 in 1992.

The mandate of the neutral nations supervisory commission in Panmunjom should be extended so that it could inspect and confirm the withdrawal of US forces and mutual troop reductions, North Korea said.

Tripartite talks between North and South and the United States would be attended by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Sweden, members of the supervisory commission, who would report on troop withdrawals and reductions.

UK to open up airwaves

LONDON, Nov. 8. (Reuters): The British government has promised to open up the airwaves, giving viewers and listeners a greater choice of television and radio programmes in the 1990s.

In a long-awaited policy paper on broadcasting, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said easing broadcasting controls could bring about dozens of new television channels and several hundred more radio stations.

He told parliament the moves would not sacrifice the quality "of one of the finest broadcasting traditions in the world". He added: "Broadcasting is changing fast, in a way which opens up many opportunities for viewers, listeners and broadcasters."

The draft legislation presented by Hurd was widely viewed as transforming the face of British television.

It will also permit a fifth national television channel which would be commercially operated, allow up to seven satellite services from 1990, create a new television commission to regulate independent broadcasting and set up three new national radio stations and hundreds of local radio services.

Israeli police battle Arab protesters

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (Reuters): Police battled stone-throwing Arab protesters today in some of the most serious clashes inside Israel since the start of a Palestinian uprising in occupied territories last December.

Palestinians staged a general strike in Taibe, north of Tel Aviv, to protest against the demolition yesterday of 15 buildings erected without permits, Israeli and Arab sources said.

Police fired tear-gas to disperse demonstrators who burned tyres and hurled stones at Israeli vehicles. Protesters burned an Israeli flag and one person was arrested.

More than 40 people were wounded in clashes with 1,000 policemen yesterday, the Jerusalem Post and Arab sources said. The police denied there were any injuries.

Demolition

Israel's Interior Ministry ordered the demolition of the buildings which it said were constructed on agricultural land without building permits. Palestinians say the government does not grant them enough permits for their expanding population.

Arab local council heads, parliamentarians and religious leaders are due to meet in emergency session amid demands to call a general strike by Israel's 600,000 Arabs.

Israelis held a general strike in December 1987 in solidarity with those fighting Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and in March on the anniversary of Israeli seizures of Arab land. At least 317 Palestinians and 11 Jews have died in the uprising.

Troops maintained a curfew on the West Bank village of Tamoun after they destroyed the house of a Palestinian who stabbed a soldier to death yesterday in a nearby Jewish settlement.

The Palestinian was himself shot dead by another soldier.

Coalition talks

Meanwhile a week after Israeli elections gave him an advantage, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has yet to realise his promise to form a new government because Jewish religious parties are playing hard to get.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, his political rival, is also courting the parties whose support is needed to make a parliamentary majority after the election's close finish between coalition partners Likud and Labour.

The winner could be the one who promises more religious legislation and control of cabinet ministries that dole out cash to their schools and enforce public observance of Jewish law.

Eager to keep on trying, both Peres and Shamir ignored advice yesterday from President Chaim Herzog to renew their unity government long enough to reform an electoral system that gives the religious groups a balance of power.

An Israeli soldier and two Palestinians died in clashes yesterday, the latest casualties of an 11-month Arab uprising overshadowing elections last Tuesday.

Execution of Indira killers again delayed

NEW DELHI, Nov. 8. (AP): The Supreme Court today stayed for the third time the executions of two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the United News of India reported.

The court is to reconsider the matter on Nov. 16, said the news agency.

It said a two-judge panel granted the stay while hearing a petition urging that the men not be hanged until a murder charge filed by one of them — a former bodyguard to slain Mrs Gandhi is investigated.

Satwant Singh, convicted for pulling the trigger on Mrs Gandhi, has charged other security men with firing on him and another accused assassin, Beant Singh, after they were disarmed. The two were not related.

Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, Beant Singh's uncle who was convicted of conspiracy in Mrs Gandhi's killing, were sentenced to death. The sentence was upheld by the Delhi high court last year and by the Supreme Court in August this year.

Satwant Singh filed a complaint on Oct. 12 in a magistrate's court charging the other security guards with murder and attempted murder. The magistrate is scheduled to rule on the complaint on Nov. 15.

Pakistani wins retrial of drug charge

NEWARK, New Jersey, Nov. 8. (AP): A wealthy Pakistani convicted of organising a drug smuggling plot to fund guerrilla fighters in Afghanistan has won a retrial.

The 3rd US circuit court of appeals in Philadelphia has ruled that the trial court judge had barred evidence that could have cleared Abdul Wali, 50, and vacated a sentence of 15 years imprisonment on the smuggling conviction.

Authorities said Wali planned to use the proceeds from heroin and hashish sales to fund Muslim guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan.

The ruling by three-judge panel said Wali was wrongly denied access to key evidence in the 1987 trial. He was convicted of conspiring to smuggle drugs into the United States through the port of Newark.

Vegetables raised to classical music

TOKYO, Nov. 8. (AP): Cucumbers raised to the sounds of Mozart, eggplants featured on bouffant shelves and a bank named after tomatoes?

Why not, retorts Masashi Ozura, head of the vegetable department at the Umeda Hankyū Department Store in Osaka, western Japan.

"These are times of plenty, and lately we've been seeing customers looking for a change, something out of the ordinary," he explained.

Ozura, whose department store sells cucumbers and other vegetables raised to classical music and without agricultural chemicals, says some shoppers are no longer satisfied with "average" vegetables.

"They want brand names, vegetables produced in a special way or of a special variety," he said. They also are willing to pay the price, which can be up to three times higher than usual.

Yoshito Otani, a spokesman for the farm which grows the vegetables, said it uses three glass houses, rigged with phonographs.

"Mozart, Bach, and Vivaldi are what we usually play, but most classical music will do," he said.

Khomeini favours free expression

NICOSIA, Nov. 8. (AP): Ayatollah Khomeini has unveiled Iran's version of glasnost by declaring that free social expression is the best way to settle disputes in society.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, reported that Khomeini said in an open letter published in the Jomhuri Islami daily that "academic argument should be encouraged rather than suppressed in the interest of dogmatic interpretation and authoritarian outlooks."

But he warned the advocates of any opinion "not to go to extremes or try to defame the other side," IRNA reported.

Jomhuri Islami is usually the mouthpiece for hardline revolutionary factions.

Differences

IRNA said Khomeini's letter was a detailed reply to one from a prominent cleric named Hojatolislam Ansari seeking a "conclusive judgement" from the revolutionary leader on where he stands in relation to "either of the divergent ideological orientations in Iran."

That was an apparent reference to the differences between pragmatic leaders such as Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and hardliners led by Prime Minister Hussein Musavi

and Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.


These differences, which have centred mainly on economic matters in the past, have intensified since Khomeini accepted a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire in the war with Iraq in July and widened to include foreign policy and post-war reconstruction.

Until recently, Khomeini had sided with the more conservative elements in his government who advocate a centralised economic system, an isolationist foreign policy and unflinching adherence to the Quran, the Muslim holy book.


However, with the Iranian economy devastated by the war with Iraq, and the country virtually isolated from the West, the more pragmatic leaders led by Rafsanjani seem to have gained the upper hand.

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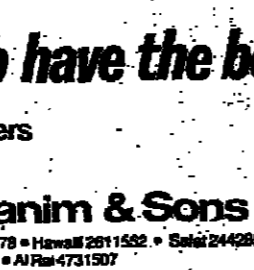
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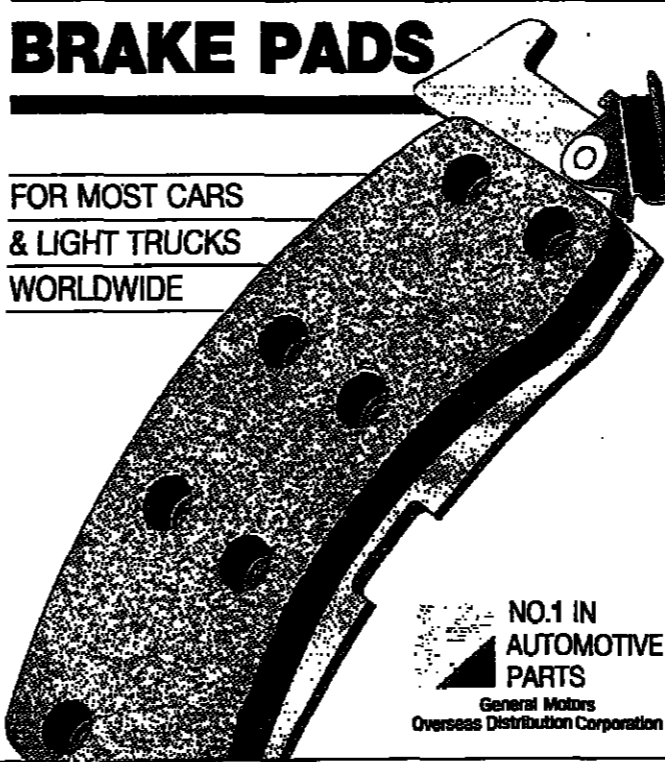
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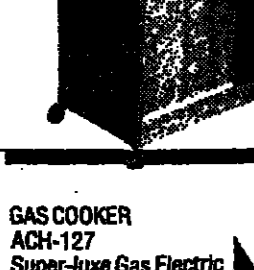
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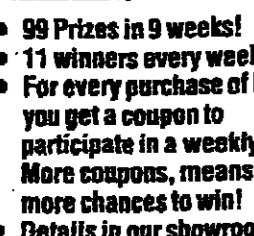
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Sheikh Saad (left) in talks with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Saudi prince lauds Sheikh Saad's visit

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

MADINA, Nov 8: Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has said that HH the Crown Prince and Premier of Kuwait Sheikh Saad bin Abdulrahman Al Saud's visit to the kingdom has been fruitful.

Crown Prince Abdullah, in an interview with the Arab Times, also said that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia arrived at appropriate solutions to different issues. He said: "We discussed and reviewed bilateral issues."

"The Saudi-Kuwaiti people will certainly feel comfortable with the results of the talks and Sheikh Saad's visit," he added.

Sheikh Saad arrived in Madina today and met King Fahd. Sheikh Saad also visited the Holy Prophet's Mosque.

The governor of the Riyadh area, Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz held a dinner banquet last night in honour of Sheikh Saad, the Saudi Crown Prince and other officials.

Commenting on Sheikh

Saad's visit, Prince Abdullah said he believes Sheikh Saad was very pleased with what he witnessed. He added the visit and the discussions that ensued will contribute to the success of the co-operation movement among the GCC states.

The visit has come just before the 9th GCC Summit to be held in Bahrain next month. The meeting provided a golden opportunity for discussions on all matters relating to the summit and achieving an understanding of the conditions that will contribute towards its success, he said.

He added that the visit comes soon after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, an end to the cold war between the two superpowers, practical steps being taken to create world detente, and the Soviet pull-out from Afghanistan.

Sheikh Saad's visit also coincides with the intensification of the Lebanese crises which threatens the future of the Arab

country. The visit also coincides with the intensification of the Palestinian struggle through the uprising inside the Arab occupied territories, the prince said.

He added that all these developments were fully discussed in a spirit of frankness and total understanding.

Speaking to the Arab Times on the plane that carried Prince Abdullah and Sheikh Saad from Riyadh to Madina, Prince Abdullah described the timing of Sheikh Saad's visit as very opportune.

Developments

He added that the visit was supposed to take place in April this year. However, the hijacking of a KAC plane delayed it. This delay was a blessing in disguise as many new developments took place after the hijacking, he said.

He praised Sheikh Saad's constructive ideas during the discussions and said he hopes that these visits will continue to strengthen solidarity.

Summit will set stage for new era, says prince

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (KUNA): Bahrain's Crown Prince and Acting Premier Sheikh Hamad Bin Eissa Al Khalifa has said the ninth conference of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) scheduled for next month in Bahrain, will put the GCC member states on the threshold of a new stage for closer co-operation.

Interviewed by a Kuwaiti daily, Sheikh Hamad said the GCC member states want to boost peace efforts in the area through consideration, appreciation and understanding.

Peace

He expressed hope that peace will be established in the region and that the Iran-Iraq peace talks will reach a successful settlement so the countries can be rebuilt.

He hailed Iraq for its responsible attitude towards the efforts by the UN non-aligned movement and Arab and Islamic countries and for ending its war with Iran.

"We hope the next stage will be a stage of positive co-operation with Iran," Sheikh Hamad said.

Asked about the naval military presence of the Western countries in the Gulf, Sheikh Hamad said: "It is natural for the superpowers to determine the

size of their naval presence in the Gulf according to the dangers that threaten free navigation in the international waters and we have nothing to do with that.

"To be honest, the concerned countries protected the freedom of navigation in the Gulf and without their intervention the impact of the war would have been worse," he added.

Sheikh Hamad said his country "maintains" the defence strategy with the GCC member states through continued consultations.

"The Peninsula Shield force is one of the achievements in this direction and its establishment means any aggression against any state is considered an aggression against all Gulf countries," he said.

He expressed his regret at the deteriorating situation in Lebanon, saying that issue will loom high on the agenda of the GCC's upcoming summit.

However, Sheikh Hamad said there will be no settlement to the Lebanese crisis without agreement of the Lebanese themselves on the best solutions for their problems.

Sheikh Hamad also expressed hope that the Arab countries will continue to help the Lebanese people so they can overcome their ordeal.

He said the Palestinian question is of major concern to the GCC. "We are making regional and international efforts to find a durable and just solution to the problem to secure the legitimate rights of the Palestinians," he said.

Kuwait prepares for locusts

LOCUST swarms are expected to arrive here shortly, but Kuwaiti officials are preparing for the invasion.

The Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources has received a helicopter sent by the government of Iraq as part of Kuwaiti-Iraqi co-operative efforts to fight locusts.

The helicopter landed in

Wafra Agricultural Guiding Centre and will begin spraying operations there.

Three small planes will also be sent from Pakistan for the same purposes, according to a local daily.

The daily added that all precautions are being taken to eradicate the anticipated invasion of locusts in Kuwait.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Gulf Schools Festival

THE United Schools International (USI) Arab Regional Office will hold the first Gulf Schools Festival in Bahrain on Jan 7.

The festival will be held in co-operation with the Ministry of Education.

According to Jiya Lal Jain, secretary-general of USI, the objectives of the festival will be to attract students from all over the Gulf so they can exchange views and to promote greater collaboration and mutual appreciation.

"Our goal is to promote international understanding among both government and private schools in the Gulf countries. Students from the Gulf countries as well as other countries in the world will be participating in the festival."

Participants from both English and Arabic medium schools will attend, according to the secretary-general.

International participants will discuss the problem of students arriving and departing on transfer and also explore ways to enrich the social fabric of their host countries.

The festival programme will include competitions in solo and group dances, one-act plays, an English declamation contest and on-the-spot painting. Prizes will be awarded to top three scorers in each contest in the two age groups, 9-12 and 13-16.

Bahrain Fair '89 scheduled

BAHRAIN Fair '89, the island's major tourism and commercial show, will be held from Feb 16-26.

The 11-day fair will be organised by Arabian Exhibition Management. According to the organiser, next year's fair is expected to be bigger and better than the first one held in January 1988.

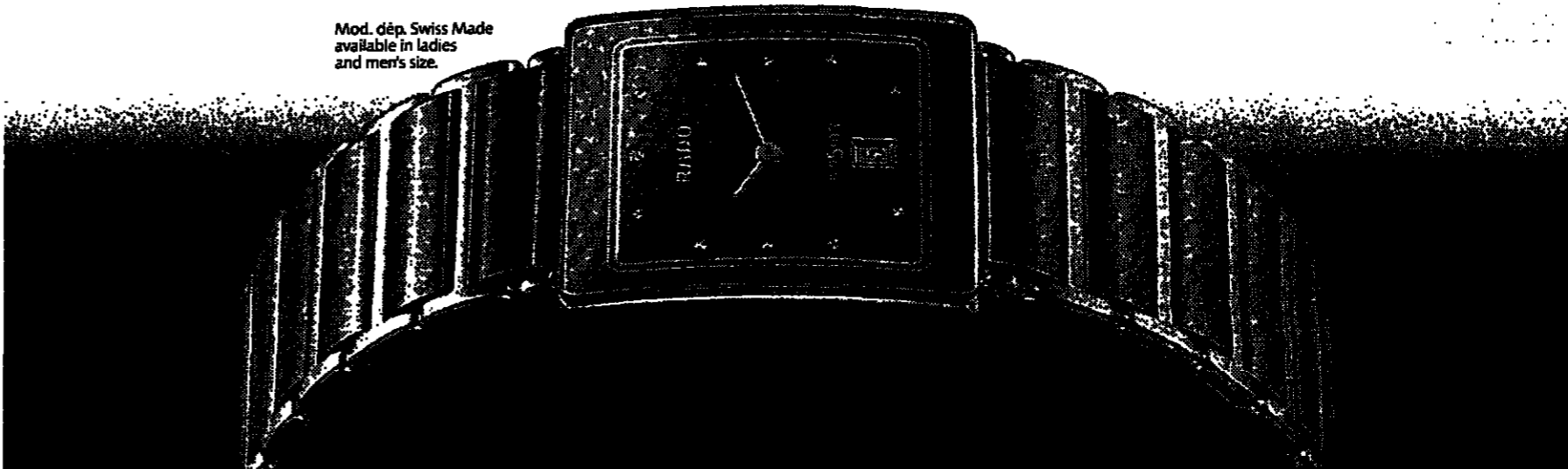
Brandon Jennings, chief executive of AEM, said that more than 60,000 people visited the Bahrain Fair '88. Exhibitors were believed to have recovered their costs over the first three days of the fair. Next year's fair is expected to have additional international representation in the tourism and commercial fields.

More than 70 per cent of space has already been reserved for the fair. The fair will be hosted by the Information and Commerce Ministries and will be open to the public.

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Citizens accuse MTSC of fraud

MORE than 220 citizens have charged Mobile Telephone System Co. (MTSC) with fraud and swindle, according to the daily Al Seyassah.

Meanwhile, the company has made some concessions to the public. It has agreed in principle to increase the amount of free calling time from five to 22 minutes each day, according to another local daily.

The board also agreed to increase the annual car telephone subscription fee from the present rate of KD200.

Opposed

MTSC had previously decided to reduce the subscription to KD125 from the beginning of next year and to charge extra for calls exceeding 150 minutes each month. This decision was widely opposed by subscribers, the daily said.

The daily added that there was a drop of about 45 per cent in applications for car telephones after the announcement of additional charges on calls.

Each car telephone costs

about KD2,000. On an average, eight telephones per day are installed, the daily said.

Problems

Al Seyassah recently spoke to citizens about MTSC's policies and problems.

One citizen said the opinion poll conducted by the company covered only the rich who had more than one appliance in their cars.

Another citizen said that if the government does not take firm action against MTSC, the company will be involved in endless problems with its subscribers. He called on the government to nationalise the company.

Increased

Another citizen complained that some spare parts required for models 1, 2 and 3 of the company's appliances are not available. The value of the appliance as well as spare parts had been increased and conversations are billed on minute basis, he added.

He called for terminating the current board of directors of the company.

Phone cards now on sale

THE Ministry of Communications has started selling magnetic phone cards.

These cards are being issued following the installation of 14 special telephones around the country.

The cards are available in different denominations to allow users to make a limited number of direct overseas calls.

The project is intended to improve subscriber telephone services, particularly for those who do not have access to direct international operator service.

Sheikh Salman picked for GCC post

LONDON, Nov 8, (GNA): A provisional agreement has been reached between the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states and Kuwait to appoint Sheikh Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud as the next GCC secretary-general, well-informed Gulf sources told Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper.

Sheikh Salman was picked to succeed GCC Secretary-General, Kuwaiti, Abdullah Yacoub Bishara whose term expires next month.

Appointment

The newspaper quoted its sources as saying that the GCC member states "blessed" the nomination of Sheikh Salman for the post.

The official appointment will take place during the GCC summit to be held next month in Manama.

Sheikh Salman has served as Kuwait's Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs.

Medical group plans conference

THE Doha-based Hamad Medical Association is organising an International Medical Conference on gynaecology, maternity and children's diseases to be held from Nov 21-23.

The conference will be at the Gynaecology Hospital and the Sheraton Hotel in Doha.

Embassy closed

THE Embassy of India in Kuwait will be closed today for the Festival of Diwali.

Study proposes teacher training

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (KUNA): A scientific study on upgrading adult education teachers has recommended the establishment of training courses for people working in this field.

The study was conducted by Dr Mustafa Abdul Hameed at the request of the Adult Education and Illiteracy Eradication administration.

The study pointed out that 40 per cent of the female teachers are not specialised in Arabic language compared to 22 per cent of their male counterparts.

It also stated that among those teachers studied no one had educational training in the field of illiteracy eradication.

Canadian firm offers training

WORLDWIDE Canadian Management Consultants Inc. has started an on-the-job training programme.

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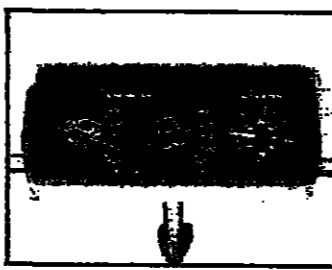
The "earn while you learn" programme is designed for people who have the desire to progress, but have difficulty obtaining costly university training in Canada and the US, according to the press release.

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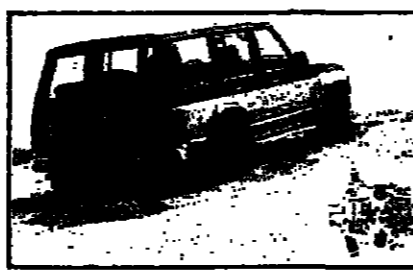
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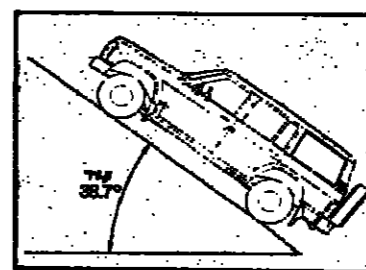
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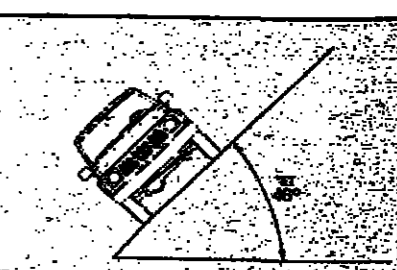
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VIDEO CORNER

Tomatoes on the rampage

By Gail Seery

THIS week's film opens with the hero cruising through town on a scooter. Half an hour into the film the following dialogue occurs between one of the bad-guys and a pair of innocent bystanders: "Has there been a chase scene in this movie yet?" "No, and it's already 25 minutes old!" "Good," he responds, then crashes his huge juggernaut truck into a fence. "Well that's the shortest chase I've ever seen," remarks the bystander. "Low budget movie," says her escort with a shake of his head.

This is not a film to suit everybody's taste. Return of the Killer Tomatoes starts very, very silly, and degenerates rapidly. I have reviewed enough silly films in my time, but this one definitely takes the biscuit.

Professor Gangrene escaped serious implication in the Great Tomato war, but is up to his old tricks. In the cellar of his spooky old house he is busily transforming tomatoes into Rambo look-alikes and beautiful women, though he also has the option on Carmen Miranda duplicates. Music is

the key to the transformation.

In the Great Tomato war, won by Wilbur Finletter and his friends in arms, Gangrene had overlooked the possibility of music affecting his creations, and so had been defeated by a horrible song, the worst song ever recorded, called Puberty Love. Not surprisingly this song caused the vegetables to shrink to normal size so that they could be squashed. This time however, Gangrene has resolved to use music to help him.

Chad Finletter works at his uncle's pizza store — though the food served is not really recognisable as pizza, as tomatoes have long since been banned. He takes a pizza up to the weird mansion and talks to Terra, a surprisingly curvaceous tomato with long hair and goopy eyes. His attention is diverted momentarily by one of the Rambo look-alikes. Terra follows his gaze blankly.

"They are gardeners and carpenters. They are not tomato men," she assures him.

Gangrene's henchman Egor is a blood hulk. "I know you're hanging around until something opens up in the TV news field, but it just does not look right for a noted misanthrope

of my stature to have a servant who looks like you," Gangrene complains.

Terra escapes and moves in with Chad, but acts a little suspiciously, so that even he can see that she is really, a tomato. Meanwhile the fiendish Egor is engrossed in a plan to free one of the ringleaders of the earlier uprising, the President's former Press secretary, from jail. He drives in and discreetly tiptoes up to the prisoner. It is easy for him to find his way as the prison is divided into two sections — "really bad guys" and "former Whitehouse aides."

Sadly the latter part of the film is almost too silly to be funny any more, but there are still the occasional gems, like a temporary time out for the good guys against the forces of evil. Then there is what must be the most absurd line of all time: "Zounds! I should have guessed that once you've been gassed you'll never be a real tomato again!"

Return of the Killer Tomatoes stars Anthony Starke, George Clooney and Karen Mistal. It is certainly possible that a sillier film exists, though I doubt it. If you know of a sillier film, please do not tell me.

Television Programme

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Good Morning
- 9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Dars Khusoosi: local serial
- 10.45 Good Morning
- 11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.15 The Magic of David Copperfield
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
- 5.15 Mama Anisa and Children
- 6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.20 Songs
- 7.50 Folklore
- 8.30 Good Evening
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: variety show
- 10.45 Min Al Alfila Alaya: variety show
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 World News via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Wonderstruck: examines the benefits of blood tests; earth's movements and architecture
- 7.00 Pals: Oscar and Sammy go to the mountains
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Nasty Habits"
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Probe: "Metamorphic"
- 9.30 The Secret World: examines African legends
- 10.00 What's Happening Now
- 10.30 L. A. Law: a look at the life, loves and work of lawyers
- 11.30 News Summary
- 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

By Brian Hollis

GEORGE LUCAS' Willow has been heavily criticised by the American press for both costing too much and for borrowing from too many familiar fairy stories. But surely if the film is aimed at a youthful audience then the very familiarity of many of the situations helps to make that audience feel comfortable.

Willow is a beautifully produced fantasy adventure, but at nearly two hours in length, the breakneck battle scenes and chases do become a little tiring. The film opens with the birth of a baby who according to prophecy will cause the downfall of the wicked queen Bavmorda. When she hears of the strange birthmark that the infant has on her arm the queen hurries to kill her, only to find that the baby has been spirited out of the castle. She then becomes very annoyed and proceeds to investigate a country-wide search for the child. The woman escaping with the baby just manages to place her in a red boat before she is killed by the pursuers and eventually the baby is found by some dwarf children. Commendably, the film does not turn the dwarfs into ridiculous Munchkins, they are simply small in physical stature.

The father of the children is called Willow (Warwick Davis) and he is ordered by the Town Council to take the baby to a

Fantasy adventure runs out of steam

distant land. He has many and varied adventures along the way and the special effects from Lucas' company Industrial Light and Magic are very well done. The film topped the US box office charts in its opening weekend earning over \$8 million but since then has run out of steam. If you like to escape into a fantasy world of good and evil, evil queens and shining heroes, Willow is for you.

Destination America is a good dramatic thriller telling the story of a reluctant heir to an enormous family empire who opts out of the rat race and becomes a drifter to escape the burden of his inheritance (another fairy story?). He returns to the family fold just as his father is brutally murdered. Suspicion immediately falls on him as he never got on with his power crazy father. As he thinks that he may have seen the killer he sets off in pursuit. Plenty of action and suspense in this film.

Funny Farm stars Chevy Chase and Madolyn Smith, a comedy in his usual slapstick style the film borrows heavily from all the standard routines with Chase falling out of boats, over doors (yes, over doors) and occasionally into bed.

Chase plays a sportswriter who decides to get away from it all and write a novel. However, he finds that his inspiration deserts him after the title page. He and his wife gradually become disenchanted with the lovely country house that they have bought and even more with the people that they meet. Have they made a big mistake in moving to the country?

The Comic Strip is a collective name for many of Britain's funniest young comedians. First brought together in October 1980 as a comedy team in a London strip club, the show featured the best stand up comics in Britain and quickly became one of the most talked about shows in town. After successful tours of Britain and Australia in 1981, the group made several films for Channel 4 some of which are featured on this video.

American Football continues with Eagles vs Vikings, Broncos vs 49ers and Chargers vs Dolphins.

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NOV 9-25: An exhibition of Bangladeshi handicrafts will be held at the Sultan Center, Shuwaikh. It will be opened tonight by Bangladesh Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin.

Diwali Mela
NOV 11: from 11.30 am. The Punjabi Cultural Society will hold the Diwali Mela (fair) at the Indian Arts Circle. The all-day event features lots of fun

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Danish Meeting
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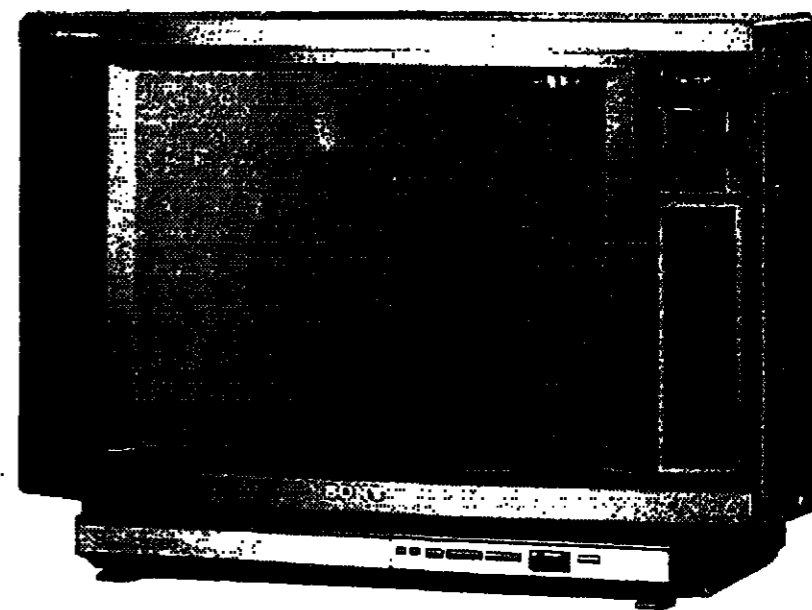
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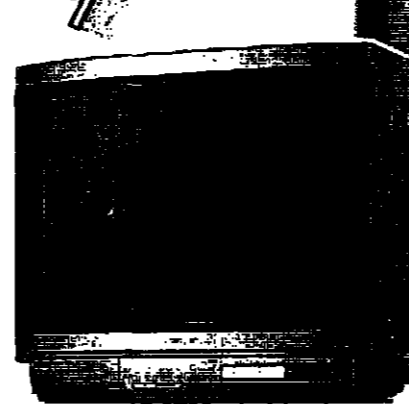
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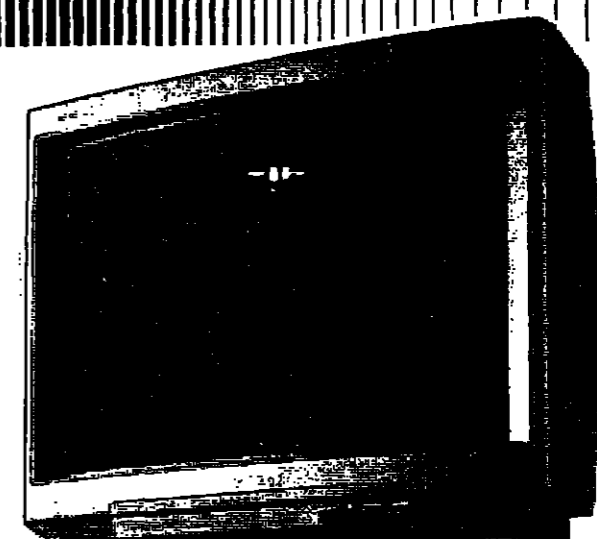
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

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First year as premier

Takeshita makes mark for himself

By Tsukasa Maekawa

TOKYO. (Reuters): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita has succeeded in making a mark for himself and Japan in the international arena during his first year in office.

Overshadowed by the worldwide reputation of his outspoken predecessor Yasuhiro Nakasone when he first took office a year ago, Takeshita has confounded the skeptics by quietly shaping Japan's foreign policy along his own lines.

"Takeshita has done better than expected in managing foreign economic relations in the past year as the strong domestic economy helped boost Japan's exports," said Toshihiko Hara, assistant professor at Tokai University.

While former Prime Minister Nakasone prided himself on being on first name terms with President Reagan, Takeshita has sought to broaden Japan's relations with Europe and act as a spokesman for Asia.

Depth
"I shall strive to add greater depth and breadth to Japanese-European relations in all fields," Takeshita told Japan's parliament soon after assuming office a year ago.

With the coming economic integration on Europe in 1992, the cementing of ties between Europe and Japan has taken on an added importance, political analysts said.

The diplomatic high point of Takeshita's first year in office came in June, when leaders of the world's top industrial democracies met in Toronto for their annual summit.

Japan's strong economy, the legacy of Nakasone's decision late in his tenure to pump up demand, helped shield Takeshita from criticism at the summit.

So too did his promise of \$50 billion in aid for the world's neediest nations.

Plan
That left the premier with enough time to defend quietly the trade policies of Asia's rapidly developing economies and put forward a new plan to help the debt-ridden Third World.

Neither move was greeted warmly by the United States, which had attacked the burgeoning trade surpluses of countries like South Korea and Taiwan and which saw the Japanese debt plan as potentially undermining its efforts in Latin America.

Executions remind of 1965 Indonesian coup attempt

By Kenneth L. Whiting

JAKARTA, Indonesia. (AP): The executions last month of two men, 20 years after they were sentenced to death, and a renewed anti-communist campaign are reminders of the continuing legacy of the abortive coup of 1965, a bloody and pivotal event in Indonesia's history.

President Suharto defended the executions of two former guards of his predecessor, the late President Sukarno, saying they showed no remorse for taking part in the coup attempt.

State Secretary Mardiono quoted the president as saying "they were given the opportunity to repent, which they never did while in jail."

They were also given plenty of time to divulge information about subversive activities, he said.

"That is the reason for the long delay in the executions."

Suharto's remarks, to visiting Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers on Oct. 31, was the first official confirmation that Sgt. Giyadi Wignoyoharyo and Master Sgt. Sukardjo had been killed by firing squad.

Executions
The executions two weeks earlier were originally reported by human rights lawyer Johannes C. Princen, head of the Institute for the Defence of Human Rights.

The two men, both in their early 60s, were sentenced to death by a military court in 1968. Giyadi was convicted of murdering Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Achmud Yani and Sukardjo was found guilty of slaying Brig. Gen. D.I. Panjaitan.

Six Army generals were killed during the coup bid, which was blamed on the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI). It was the

Takeshita has managed to keep Washington sweet by deftly managing bilateral economic relations and by solving some of Japan's more intractable trade problems — opening its construction and beef and orange markets to foreign competition.

"Takeshita has agreed to liberalise imports of more items in one year than Nakasone did in five," said Kazuo Nakazawa, managing director of Japan's big business group, the Keidanren.

At the same time, he has heightened Japan's diplomatic profile, sanctioning its first ministerial visit ever to Israel and increasing its participation in UN peace-keeping efforts.

Succeed
Takeshita has succeeded by adopting what many analysts here see as a quintessential Japanese style.

The shy 64-year-old premier often works behind the scenes to fashion a consensus, delegating responsibility instead of trying to lead from the front like Nakasone.

Paradoxically, he has been less successful during his first year in the domestic arena, long considered his forte and the key to his hopes of winning another two-year term next November.

Takeshita has staked his political career on the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) third attempt in 10 years to introduce an unpopular sales tax — a major pillar of his tax reform package.

"Takeshita is determined to pass the tax reform bills through parliament by the end of the year," chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi said in a recent local press interview.

For the moment, however, the plan has become entangled in a share trading scandal involving Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and aides to senior LDP politicians, including Takeshita.

With opposition parties often boycotting parliament in an effort to force fuller discussion of the scandal, Takeshita's hopes for quick passage of the reforms have been frustrated.

However, most analysts share the view that the scandal is unlikely to shake the foundations of the LDP.

"The scandal is not likely to strike a serious blow to Takeshita and thus will not prevent him from getting what he wants," said Kuniko Inoguchi, assistant professor at Tokyo's Sophia University.

More than half a million were detained in the wake of the uprising, among them some of the country's best known writers, poets, educators, journalists, film directors and intellectuals.

The last were released in 1979, partly in response to former US President Jimmy Carter's human rights policy and to appeals from the Netherlands, Britain and United Nations agencies.

Although they were never tried on any charges, former detainees must have government permission to change their residence.

The latest executions followed months of official warnings that remnants of the PKI are trying to stage a comeback. The warnings haven't been supported with hard evidence.

Suharto issued a call in June to guard against communist agitators influencing the press. Sudomo, the Minister for Political and Security Affairs, then announced that the records of former political detainees would be screened in a new loyalty check.

Three books by renowned author Pramodya Ananta Toer, 63, were banned in August for allegedly containing communist ideas. Pramodya was detained from 1965 to 1979. Four of his other works were banned earlier.

Brezhnev's foreign policy emphasized expansion in the Third World

Reagan doctrine was a response to Soviet action

By Charles Waterman

WASHINGTON: In the 1960s and 1970s, there was no significant Western-supported insurrection. But there were a number of leftist revolutions, supported in varying degrees by Moscow.

Several of these emerged victorious — Vietnam, Kampuchea, Ethiopia, Angola, South Yemen, Mozambique, Afghanistan, and, of course, Nicaragua. And although some were never given the elevated designation of "socialist" states, the Kremlin clearly considered all of them irreversible gains.

And "irreversibility" had teeth. Over time, a strategy designed to ensure that these gains endured was discernible: timely arrival of major arms deliveries, East German security and intelligence assistance, Cuban, Vietnamese, or Soviet troops when necessary; money; and diplomatic support.

In large part, the so-called Reagan doctrine of the 1980s — supporting armed insurgencies against Moscow-backed governments — was a direct response to Soviet expansion.

Policy
Arkadi Shevchenko, former Soviet undersecretary-general of the United Nations, puts it this way: "There is no question that Brezhnev's foreign policy emphasised expansion in the Third World. (Superpower) detente never affected Soviet relations with national liberation movements, and the Reagan doctrine was entirely justified. But even those who viewed the

Soviet expansion as provocative acknowledge that the US response poses a basic ethical question: is lethal support to anti-communist resistance movements in the Third World morally acceptable in American foreign policy?

There is no consensus on this point.

According to Congressman Jack Kemp (R), the Reagan doctrine is a clear continuation of a long American tradition of supporting those fighting for freedom from tyrannical political forces. He cites President Truman's support for anti-communist forces in Greece after World War II as a precedent.

But, according to many liberal commentators, democracies have no business aggressively interfering in the affairs of other nations, no matter what their form of government. "The reason for opposition to the Reagan doctrine is simple: the use of force by democratic societies is not the way to do things," says one analyst.

Casualty
In this viewpoint, the larger casualty toll which accompanies external assistance from either East or West carries strong negative moral implications.

Yet consensus among main-line American political parties may be closer than generally thought. According to Robert Hunter, a leading foreign affairs authority within the Democratic Party, "It's not the theory or principle of intervention which distinguishes Democratic from Republican views on the Reagan



Leonid Brezhnev

doctrine. It's the judgement and application that matters."

Afghanistan and Nicaragua represent the two ends of the spectrum of US political consensus.

"There is no dispute about the authenticity of the insurgency in Afghanistan, while there is in Nicaragua," Hunter says. "There is no question in Afghanistan that Soviet-United States relations are involved. There is no dispute about goals in Afghanistan. In Nicaragua, the goals are an undefined mixture of regional security concerns and support for an overthrow of the Sandinistas in the name of democracy. In Afghanistan the means were viewed by the American public as appropriate and moral — and there was no debate. In Nicaragua, our tactics got us into trouble politically and in the region generally."

"It took all of two months for portions of the Afghan support operation to appear in the press

— and that was better than all the others," laments an ex-intelligence officer. He and others wonder whether the US is institutionally capable of keeping such activities secret at all.

Kemp and many conservatives say the practice of bestowing covert support without Congressional participation, while perhaps necessary in certain cases, is not practical when US steadfastness is required for longer periods.

Former intelligence officers point out the downside to open policies. To be overly explicit can force Moscow to respond in kind, even when it is inclined to do otherwise.

And third countries through which aid is being funnelled — or which are themselves a secret source of support — often insist upon some secrecy. "Covert assistance is necessary because of the problems open support would cause for other African countries willing to help us," says Tito Chingunji, secretary of foreign affairs for National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA). "It is also important that our enemies don't know exactly what and how much we are receiving."

Response

But the record is clear. The US has great difficulty in sustaining total secrecy about any large-scale support programme. The intense emotion and debate around such activity encourages leaks — either by opponents, to sabotage a programme or by proponents to prove its value.

A former Reagan administra-

tion official in the national security field says that an imperfect response to this quandary has emerged: A new "art form," nicknamed by insiders the "overt-covert" programme, is now an accepted means of doing such business. Essentially, this means the US will publicly acknowledge existence of a support programme, but not divulge details. So far, this formula has provided a tolerable framework only for those operations which enjoy a general consensus.

Clearly, not all Americans share the Reagan administration's definition of what states should be considered enemies. Some feel the Sandinistas are a socialist government forced by US support for the Contras to arm heavily and depend on Soviet-Cuban links. Without external pressures, this school of thought holds, the Sandinistas would probably succumb to economic realities at a time when Soviet largess is drying up. Likewise, some see no strategic threat from the socialist Angolan regime.

But ex-KGB official Stanislav Levchenko sees dangers in this evolutionary view: "Historically, in quasi-socialist states, hard-line communists do seize power and pursue their own policies. Nicaragua would without doubt have intensified interference and destabilisation of its neighbours if left without opposition."

Opposition to the Reagan administration's techniques in backing anti-leftist insurgents clearly exists. But the major stumbling block to consensus is a

definition of what regimes should be tolerated, which ones weaned from the Soviet bloc by political and economic means, and which ones contested by force.

Many thinkers of a liberal bent would opt for an evolutionary solution in all cases covered by the Reagan doctrine except Afghanistan.

US support for insurgencies in Afghanistan, Angola, and Kampuchea has forced hard decisions on the Soviet leadership, and, says one conservative US official, brought about a "more mature Soviet policy."

Successes

But with the exception of Afghanistan, ex-KGB officer Stanislav Levchenko does not believe Soviet leaders see the various insurgencies as Western successes.

UNITA's Chingunji agrees: "The Soviet are not taking the Angolan situation as a defeat. But they are ensuring the Cubans stay at the bargaining table."

And according to former senior Soviet official Arkadi Shevchenko: "For the Kremlin, Afghanistan is definitely a political-ideological defeat and a military defeat. I don't believe Moscow acknowledges defeat in Angola, nor can it claim success. It is, rather, taking a much more flexible approach. Nicaragua is probably viewed as a Soviet success, and Kampuchea is primarily a pragmatic approach to remove an obstacle to better Chinese relations as well as reducing the cost of support to Hanoi."

The Christian Science Monitor.



Putting down unrest in the region

By Moses Manoharan

NEW DELHI. (Reuters): An abortive coup in the Maldives revealed India's capability to put down unrest in the region through rapid deployment of forces by aircraft and naval vessels, Indian and Western defence experts have said.

They said the air-dropping of some 1,150 troops into the Indian Ocean republic only hours after mercenaries tried to take it over on Thursday had demonstrated India's confidence in its role as regional security manager.

Assistance

"It showed beyond doubt India's willingness to project military power in terms of assisting its neighbours," said Sreedhar Rao of the government-funded Indian Institute of Defence Studies.

The Maldives operation was the latest in a series of military missions India had carried out in

India flexes its muscles

neighbouring countries in response to their government's pleas, Rao said.

They included assistance to Bhutan in putting down an attempted coup in the 1960s and to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in the 1970s. Last year more than 50,000 Indian troops were deployed in Sri Lanka under a pact to control Tamil rebels.

Rao said the Maldives exercise had proved the worth of investments India had made in 1984 in arms, aircraft and naval vessels and of large-scale military exercises.

On Thursday, India used Soviet-made IL-76 transport planes to fly in paratroopers, Soviet-made TU-142 reconnaissance aircraft to track raiders fleeing by sea after the coup and British-made Sea King helicopters for a naval commando operation.

"Their swift response and the airlifting capability of the Indian Air Force was particularly impressive in the Maldives operation, but it was a much smaller effort than the one for Sri Lanka," said one Western diplomat.

Rao said IL-76 and AN-32 transports had set up a large air bridge between Madras in southern India and Palaly airbase in Sri Lanka to transport thousands of men to the island at the height of the insurgency in October last year.

Capability
India needed this airlifting capability because its defence strategists believed it must be permanently ready to fight one-and-a-half wars, Rao said.

"We must always be ready for a war with either Pakistan or China and expect the other country to provide military support

against us — that is the half-war," he said. India has fought three wars with Pakistan since 1947 and one with China.

Rao said the Maldives had also demonstrated India's ability to pull out reserves for an emergency from an Army already stretched on the western front, where 22 divisions face Pakistan, the eastern front, where 10 divisions face the Chinese, and in Sri Lanka.

"For us, the Maldives operation showed that India had state-of-the-art equipment, an ability to respond swiftly and superb logistics. But it has limited capability in amphibious forces in terms of a total Army strength of 1.1 million," he said.

"They must be able to move about more than just the 1,000 in Maldives to come into the big league as a rapid deployment force," he added.

A host of armed groups pervades Colombia

By Leslie Wirpsa

APARTADO, Colombia: The left calls him Colombia's Pinochet. The right hopes that he will help prevent revolution from invading Colombia via Central America.

Gen. Luis Armando Arias Cabrales is the most controversial character in Colombia's northern Uraba banana-growing region.

The general arrived in Apartado, the prosperous hub of Colombia's \$200 million-a-year banana-export industry, in July. President Virgilio Barco Vargas had named him military chief of the zone. His job: to bring law and order to one of Colombia's most conflict-ridden regions.

"The President, columnists, journalists, and political leaders have admitted that the country is at war," General Arias says. Unfortunately many people still believe the war is taking place on Mars and won't affect them."

But in Uraba, a region of more than 300,000 inhabitants, it's

impossible to deny the war has begun: two of Colombia's main guerrilla organisations, the People's Liberation Army and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, thrive here. Powerful labour unions are able to paralyse production. Assassinations of union members and leftists have become routine. And right-wing death squads, backed by the drug mafia and military officials, preliminary legal investigations show, have taken to killing peasants and farm hands.

This conflict is not, however, exclusive to Uraba: it reflects what has been happening throughout Colombia for four years. Last year alone there were more than 17,000 homicides in this nation of 28 million, according to statistics, making it the most violent country in the hemisphere.

Those responsible include: leftist guerrillas, right-wing death squads, and wealthy drug traffickers.

The interior ministry has documented some 140 right-wing death squads which are killing leftist politicians, union activists, and anyone else they consider "subversive". They have done this so quickly that human rights offices have bought computers to keep death lists up to date.

According to recent legal investigations, these squads are linked to Colombia's infamous drug barons in some cases and to the military in others. More than 400 Colombians, mostly poor peasants, were killed in 46 collective massacres of five or more people between January and August, a Bogota-based, Jesuit-sponsored think-tank says.

The massacres commonly occur in areas like Uraba, where the political left enjoys support. A rights lawyer calls it "political genocide."

In mid-September, helicopter attacks and military ground patrols forced 1,500 peasants, including several hundred children, to flee and take refuge in a school in Apartado. The Army troops were apparently searching for 22 soldiers and police kid-

napped earlier during a guerrilla attack in a neighbouring province.

"The bombs fell in the hills surrounding our cluster of homes... close enough to fill us with terror," a peasant says. "The next day the helicopters came back with machine-guns and bombs. My wife thought we would surely be killed if we did not leave. So we fled with our five children, leaving behind our chickens, ducks, pigs, rice fields, and corn and bean harvests."

A government commission eventually negotiated the release of the 22 prisoners. But the peasants are still afraid to return to their farms. If their harvests rot, some will be unable to repay loans, and many may lose their meagre plots.

Peasant leaders say the military accuses them of belonging to, or aiding, the guerrilla groups, and often confiscates part of the food they bring back from town, claiming it is "for the rebels."

The Christian Science Monitor.

Arabic publications adopt Britain as their home

By Kate Dourian

LONDON. (Reuters): A Lebanese newspaper which was one of the early victims of the civil war in Lebanon is back in print, the latest of a line of Arabic-language publications that have adopted Britain as their publishing home.

More than 20 newspapers and magazines printed in Arabic are registered with the post office in Britain, which has come to be seen as a safe haven for Arab editors and publishers fleeing civil war or censorship in their countries. Jamil Kamel Mroue abandoned efforts to publish Al Hayat, which means life in Arabic, in Lebanon after his sister newspaper the Daily Star folded for the second time in ten years in 1985.

Referring to the dangers facing journalists in Lebanon, editor-publisher Mroue said in

an interview: "It was a bit like writing one's own will before writing a newspaper."

Al Hayat has closed several times since the start of the Lebanese civil war in 1975, having suffered a major blow with the assassination in 1966 of Mroue's father, the paper's founder-publisher Kamel Mroue.

The Mroue children struggled to keep the newspaper in print but after three bombings and difficulties in distribution at the height of the civil war, they abandoned their offices near the Green Line separating Muslim and Christian Beirut from the Christian east.

The Harvard-educated Mroue told Reuters the new 12-page newspaper was aimed at the executive end of the market and would have some features in common with the international Herald Tribune.

"We're trying to cater to a specific reader — Arab executives, professionals and decision-makers," he said.

There was a need, he added, to cater to a new class of Arab who wanted to know more than just the bare facts.

Moderation

In an inaugural editorial last month, Mroue said Al Hayat, one of the biggest selling Arabic-language newspapers when Lebanon was still the information centre of the Arab world, would stand for moderation, professionalism and integrity.

It will have an initial print run of 50,000 and be sold in Arab countries and throughout the world.

Restrictions on freedom of expression in some Arab countries has also forced an exodus of Arab writers.

Riad El Rayyes, a Syrian-born journalist and writer, is one who opted for other pastures, deciding to set up a censorship-free publishing venture in London, based on subscription.

Many of his 50 publications have already been banned in most Arab countries in the past two years, but, like Mroue, he believes that there is a large

enough Arab expatriate community in Europe and the United States to absorb his books.

To illustrate the difficulties of penetrating the Arab market, Rayyes referred to the banning in several countries of an anthology of Arab humour, in which the most recent text is 600 years old.

He left Syria, where his father ran the now defunct newspaper Al Qabas, and went to Beirut, but he too fled the civil war, having worked for a brief spell at Al Hayat.

Rayyes's most recent ventures are the launch of cultural Arab journals, the Nased (The Critic), in which writers are allowed free rein, and told that their articles will not be altered.

"For example if there is an article with a paragraph on sex which might be offensive to some, we leave it in," Rayyes said. The journal has been banned throughout the Gulf countries and even in Egypt, where the press is relatively free.

Iraqi opposition groups, including a pro-Iranian faction opposed to President Saddam Hussein, also use London as a base for printing anti-government publications, but many are issued sporadically.

The choice of London by Arab publishers is partly geographical: Britain lies halfway between the United States and the Middle East, and it also imposes few restrictions on publishers. Registration at the post office is usually the only procedure required by law.

"Licensing in Paris, say, is very archaic but here you publish and the government does not interfere," Rayyes said.

That is why Iranian exiles, whose preferred country of residence is France, chose London to air their dissenting views. There are 44 newspapers, newsletters and flyers published by Iranian groups in London.

They range from extreme right-wing supporters of the late Shah of Iran, deposed by Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution of 1979, to the extreme left.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1681 — Diet of Oldenburg Grants Hungarian Protestants religious tolerance.
- 1882 — Franco-British dual control of Egypt is established.
- 1923 — Fourteen Nazis are killed as federal troops break up march of Adolf Hitler's storm troopers in Munich, Germany.
- 1937 — Japanese troops take Shanghai.
- 1938 — Bands of Nazis roam streets of Germany, burning and destroying Jewish synagogues, homes and stores.
- 1962 — United States completes emergency airlift of arms and ammunition to India in that nation's border war with China.
- 1963 — Coal mine explosion at Umata, Japan, kills 452 miners and injures 450 others.
- 1971 — Chinese communists make their first appearance in United Nations for conference on problem facing the main delegation on its way from Peking.
- 1975 — Morocco's King Hassan calls off people's march into Spanish Sahara and says takeover of the desert territory must be accomplished by other means.
- 1977 — Israeli fighter-bombers attack targets in southern Lebanon, and Lebanese government says two villages are levelled with at least 60 civilians killed.
- 1982 — Western sources say up to 2,700 civilians and Soviet soldiers in a convoy perished after fiery collision in Afghanistan mountain tunnel jammed with buses and trucks.
- 1987 — Bomb explodes during rush hour in crowded neighbourhood of Colombo, Sri Lanka, with at least 32 people killed and 105 wounded.

Arabic calligraphy: "The pen is mightier than the sword"

James Bond is coming back — more brutal than ever

Licence renewed: for more violence

In the latest Bond movie, 'Licence Revoked,' 007 reverts to his old self — the ruthless killer with a license to spill blood. The producers insist that's the original character which Ian Fleming created and they are even willing to risk an adult certificate for the film due to be released next summer.

By Garth Pearce

ACTOR Timothy Dalton is taking James Bond back to his roots in a brutal role which will leave the censors both shaken and stirred by the result.

As Dalton recreates 007 as a ruthless killer in the 16th Bond film 'Licence Revoked' the producers are prepared for a certificate which bans young viewers when it is released next summer.

It will turn the clock back to the Sean Connery era and claim its first 15 rating.

In the hot, thin air of Mexico city, which sprawls 1-1/2 miles above sea level, Dalton is presenting the tough, unsmiling face of Bond as writer Ian Fleming intended.

"Bond exists in a violent world and had to use violence against violence," he says approvingly.

"However light-hearted and funny the middle section of movies were (played by Roger Moore), they lost what was essential to anyone who knows what Bond films and books were all about."

The script has been tailored to his authentic all-action approach but he says: "I don't like that idea at all."

"All I want is for them to write a bloody good Bond story and I'll come and act it. Once you start writing for someone, then you miss the unpredictability and lose a certain edge."

The Living Daylights, Dalton's successful debut as Bond, had a script already written before he was chosen for the

part. This time the gloves were off immediately in crafting a tough, direct story which shows Bond becoming a vigilante to avenge the torture of friend Felix Leiter (David Hedison) by billionaire drug baron Franz Sanchez (Robert Davi).

When Sanchez finds his girlfriend Lupe Lamora (Talisa Soto) in bed with someone else, he beats her viciously with his belt.

Bond, far from the semi-romantic air of the last film, at first uses Pam Bouvier (Carey Lowell) for his own ends before making love to her.

And once the beautiful Loti (played by former Playboy centrefold Diana Lee-Hsu) gets him in her sights, she tries to at first maim then kill him.

Director John Glen, on his fifth consecutive Bond, says: "I think that in the first film Timothy was perhaps a little too serious."

"But in this one he has every reason to be serious about events."

Costume "Tim is very tough this time because the situation demands it. We are trying to gain a new audience, without losing the old one."

The film is more lavish than ever, despite the cost-cutting move to Mexico from the usual base at Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire. A budget has soared past £21 million.

Costumes alone cost £400,000, with designer dresses from Oscar de la Renta, Valentino and Fabrice at up to £3,000 each.



Bond girls: Talisa Soto (left) and Diana Lee-Hsu.



Costume designer Jodie Tilden, who gave Don Johnson his original image for Miami Vice, was drafted in to give Dalton a contemporary look.

And casting of American actresses Carey Lowell, Talisa Soto and Diana Lee-Hsu, took months.

But Dalton, who fought a successful battle against some of the fashions — "they wanted to put me in pastels" — eats up the action scenes like a man possessed.

At first, he'd said to stunt organiser Paul Weston: "I think you've got yourself a job." But by the time he had finished rehearsing, Dalton opted to go ahead with the lot.

Dalton, a perfectionist, is unwittingly becoming the most controversial actor to play the part.

He is already the victim of a hate campaign by some American journalists who have been used to easy access on Bond locations and cannot accept his devoted approach.

During our five days together, for example, he would spend each lunchtime talking with other cast members about a forthcoming scene. He asked any autograph

hunter to return at the end of the lunch and I never saw him refuse one of them.

This has been reported as thinking the public is beneath him.

Then, a TV crew from America made the mistake of filming during his rehearsal on the film set. He properly objected to the film's publicity director.

That came out in print as evidence of being awkward and unco-operative.

Such is his dedication, he regards anything which may eventually detract from his screen performance with some suspicion.

And he knows only too well that as a good-looking heterosexual bachelor of 42 it would be very easy to become the victim of a kiss-and-tell story.

Aloof

During filming — and it will total five months when completed in November — he picks his friends carefully and relaxes with only those he knows well.

This again, to his outside detractors, is evidence of being aloof. On the occasions I have been with him socially he is open and great fun. But he is

uncomfortable when discussing his private life.

"I do not like the publicity, though it must be done and it's my responsibility to do it," he says.

"But when I'm working, trying to make this part a success, I don't want a TV camera poking up my nose when I've got a few seconds to rehearse."

"That, to me, is pressure. As for the manufactured stories, it makes me feel both sad and angry."

The irresponsibility and lack of integrity when people make things up is sad. If there is anything I can sue about, then I do so.

I had some money paid to the National Youth Theatre a year ago as a result of a News of the World story saying I'd been fired from Bond. But if it's just malicious tit-for-tattle, then what can I do?

Yet isn't there a danger of taking his work just a bit too seriously?

"I have certain standards in my life," he says. "There is no point in deliberately manufacturing a mood of behaviour which is not really my own."

"My attitude is that there's nothing tough in working with people who are demanding. It might make life difficult for those who want to cut corners or will settle for anything that is not good."

I have not seen evidence of this on either Bond film. But I have confronted people who I thought were in this position in the past.

Lifestyle

"You only get one chance at it. I make a lot of mistakes myself. I mess up or get caught on the wrong track. The aim is to make things as good as possible."

"I don't see myself as a workaholic, because work is not a drug. It is a joy. I love the business I'm in and want to go on for ever."

The Bond part of the business has made him a dollar millionaire — though he's determined it won't change his lifestyle.

"I'd always kind of guessed it would be all right," he says.



Timothy Dalton (right) comes to grips with a new Bond image in the new 007 film 'Licence Revoked'.

with obvious relief. "But you can never be sure."

"I still drive the same car (a Toyota) and live in the same semi-detached in London."

"There is a lot of hype connected with this business and it depends how much any actor in this position is willing to exploit

himself. The fact is I don't want to."

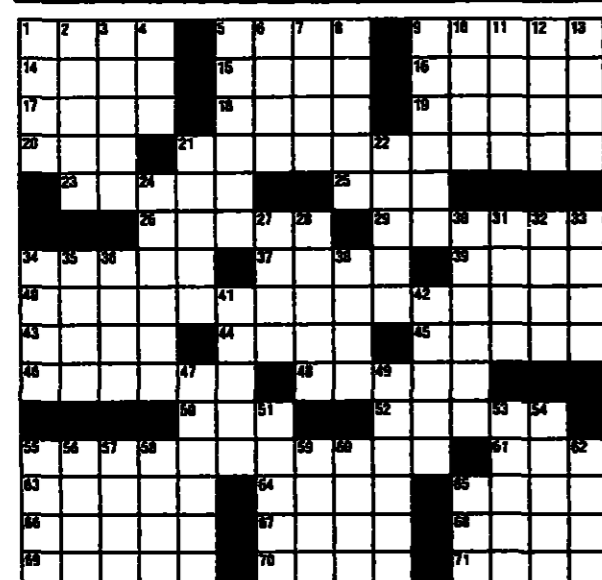
"How can I ever play a lawyer, doctor, a policeman or anyone in the future if I'm living on a hill surrounded by barbed wire and tinted windows?"

"I still have to go down the local shop to buy my baked

beans and beefburgers. I can still walk around the streets or go in to a pub without problems."

"When I stop doing things like that the critics can have their field day. Until then, I say 'Look what is up on the screen. This is what counts'."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Near Islands member
 - Converse
 - Would-be officer
 - Cheer for the home team
 - "The Eternal City"
 - Kicking's companion
 - Shore bird
 - Love, Spanish style
 - "The Moon's a Balloon" author
 - Actor-singer from France
 - Old Testament book
 - Compass reading
 - Emcee's bit
 - Laird of "The Lodger"
 - Intermediary
 - Irish cry
 - Ritz Brothers, e.g.
 - Star of soaps and Hollywood
 - Part of HOMES
 - Miss Kett
 - Sip
 - Detection device
 - Violinist Mischa
 - Caesar's 506
 - Rhine feeder
 - Player of tough blonde roles
 - "A Chorus Line" song
 - Refuge
 - Give off
 - Golf stroke
 - Doctoral demand
 - Marathon
 - Chariot's way
- DOWN**
- Uplight
 - Disney sci-fi film
 - "Yanks" star
 - Kind of rug
 - Flashlight, British style
 - Scout's master
 - Shoshonean
 - Neckwear
 - Word with body or brow
 - Andy's pal
 - Campus segments
 - Packager of a kind
 - Dismounted
 - Prima donna
 - Symmetric
 - Incline
 - Gossip of a sort
 - Coveted statuette
 - Burns
 - "Rumba" star
 - Speechify
 - Gaseous hydrocarbon
 - Movie set worker
 - Troubles
 - Ridiculed
 - Actor Leon
 - Senator from Tennessee
 - Green land
 - Tabriz coin
 - Gall
 - Battle
 - Danish seaport
 - Hand warmer
 - Like neon
 - Path
 - Door sign
 - Ammunition
 - Lagomorph
 - Author Hunter
 - Electrical units
 - Gen. Bradley
 - Puerto
 - Raison d'—
 - Glutton

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KJ873 ♥AQ72 ♦AQ ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K87632 ♥5 ♦Q83 ♣762
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 3 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A9863 ♥Q7 ♦AQ6 ♣Q95
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K102 ♥K95 ♦J6 ♣AJ1043
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KQJ872 ♥K5 ♦872 ♣K7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠72 ♥83 ♦AKJ6 ♣AK982
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?
What do you bid now?



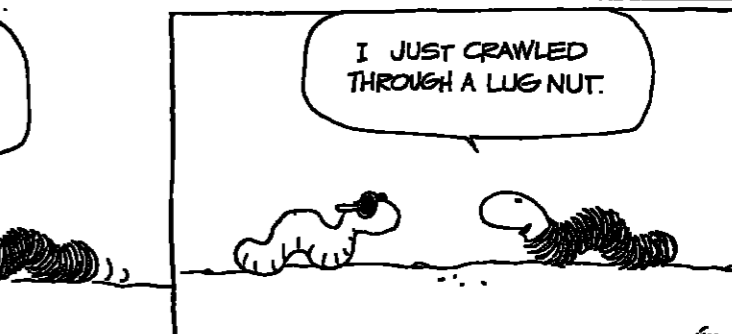
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have a lot to do and have no time to waste. Do not eat a heavy meal late at night. You will be able to clear up an important matter. Be courteous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Your private life will take a turn for the better. Do not try to impose your will on others. Make your partner happy. Be observant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have something important to deal with and there is no time to lose. You should not place too much trust in luck. Do not live in the past to any great degree. Be tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have something to be angry about but should not to allow it to put you off your stride. Try not to permit yourself to be intimidated. Take a little more care about your personal appearance. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Something you believed to be true will turn out to have been mistaken. However you will be able to take the right action before it is too late. An old friend would appreciate a call from you. Be fair.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

This is going to be quite a good day for you. Only you must make sure you do not act on impulse. Something that you think is the case is not and you should examine the facts carefully. Be less insistent.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

It is important for you not to get excited just because someone else in your environment is. You are all too liable to mistake a dream for reality. If you try to deceive others you will succeed. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will tire more easily and should make sure you get enough rest as well as enough exercise. You will tend not to see the wood for the trees. Take better care of your health. Be punctual.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be faced with a tricky situation and will require all your skill and experience to deal with it. Do your utmost to keep things simple. Do not allow yourself to become sidetracked. Be resourceful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will not be quite sure of yourself and should avoid taking any needless risks. The prospects are good only you will tend to be too confident and to gloss over the difficulties.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should not try to escape from the responsibility for your actions, instead face up to it. Make sure others also get the benefit and praise for what they have done.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to make a few changes but not as swiftly as you would have wished. You will have something to be pleased about but do not allow it to go to your head. Watch out for thieves and pickpockets. Be reliable.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Commercial bank moves to help Jordanian dinar

AMMAN, Nov 8, (Reuters): A Jordanian commercial bank, with Central Bank support, intervened today to try to stem a new speculative run on the dinar.

Petra Bank's chief dealer told Reuters he began offering cash dollars to try to calm a jittery market. "This was co-ordinated with the Central Bank," he said.

"They are supplying us with dollars and we are selling on their behalf."

He said he might sell over \$6 million, depending on market reaction. The impact was not immediately clear.

The dinar had fallen as low as 560 fils to the dollar in the free market from 522 on Monday, after the Central Bank posted a guideline price of 459 fils, down from 451 the previous day.

Fever
"There is fever in the market today. There is no supply of dollars," one moneychanger said before Petra Bank acted. "People have become foreign currency holders, enjoying speculation."

It was the second time Petra Bank has acted on the Central Bank's behalf. It sold \$6 million in the week starting October 19, temporarily calming the market.

Bankers say the Central Bank has not intervened directly since October 15 when it allowed the dinar to float downwards.

At Central Bank rates, the currency has lost 28 per cent of its dollar value this year, and about 40 per cent at rates quoted by moneychangers.

Ban
The government on Saturday imposed a year-long ban on imports of any luxury goods to try to save \$200 million in foreign exchange and narrow the trade deficit.

The trade gap stood at \$608 million in 1987, calculated at today's Central Bank exchange rate.

Ethiopia opens door to private businessmen

ADDIS ABABA, Nov 8, (Reuters): Socialist Ethiopia is offering local businessmen a bigger role in the economy, joining the growing list of Marxist states which are easing restrictions on private enterprise.

But President Mengistu Haile Mariam said in a report to the central committee of the ruling workers party of Ethiopia released today that the initiative did not mean a deviation from the government's socialist aims.

"Nationals with knowhow and capital and (who are) willing to invest privately or in shares in agriculture, industry, hotels and catering may do so," Mengistu said.

Policy
The new initiative is in addition to Ethiopia's existing policy of allowing foreign investment and joint ventures.

Last month, Planning Minister Mersie Ejigu said that the government planned to introduce more flexible economic policies to boost exports.

The radical military officers who overthrew Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 nationalised most Ethiopian businesses and have since then run the economy on rigid Soviet-style lines.

But at the start of 1988 the government took steps to give private traders a larger role in grain marketing and allowed a modest increase in producer prices for farmers.

Mengistu said that the new policy, which will be implemented in the second five-year plan due by mid-1989, meant businessmen could participate in developing farms in fertile but so-far under-utilised regions.

Fifth development plan approved

RIYADH, Nov 8, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's fifth development plan will concentrate on improving economic standards and the public services, including education, electricity and transport.

According to Planning Undersecretary Hussein Sejjani, the private sector will be given a greater role to play in national development.

According to the Saudi Press agency, he noted that further efforts will also be made to develop human resources and able women to play an enhanced role in the kingdom.

The minister said operational efficiency and better maintenance would be the goals in the next period, as far as infrastructure projects were concerned.

Newton ready to expand trade co-operation with Baghdad

Britain doubles credits to Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 8, (Reuters): Britain doubled its credits to Iraq yesterday in an apparent bid to improve relations strained over Baghdad's alleged use of chemical weapons.

British Minister of Trade and Industry Tony Newton told reporters that he and his Iraqi counterpart, Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, signed a \$340 million (\$612 million) credit agreement for 1989.

Talks
The 1988 agreement was valued at £175 million (\$310 million).

Newton, speaking at the end of

the seventh United Kingdom-Iraq joint commission talks, said "the new protocol is an indication of the importance with which the UK regards its political and commercial ties with Iraq."

Newton is the highest ranking British official to visit Iraq since an August 20 ceasefire in the eight-year Iraq-Iran war.

"This substantial increase reflects the confidence of (the British) government in the long-term strength of the Iraqi economy and the opportunities for an increased level of bilateral trade following the ceasefire," Newton

said. He said the new agreement would allow a \$65-million (\$115 million) contract for a power station, won by the Northern Engineering Industries (NEI), to proceed immediately.

Exports
The 1987 trade balance was in Iraq's favour with exports to Britain, mainly oil, amounting to \$324 million (\$573 million) while British exports to Iraq were worth £267 million (\$472 million).

Newton said he expected the balance to shift to Britain's

favour this year, adding British exports to Iraq for the first eight months were £253 million (\$448 million) and its imports were £110 million (\$195) in the first half of 1988.

Newton said he expected no problems with Iraq repaying its debts to Britain despite the nation's war-ravaged economy.

Iraqi first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan said yesterday the government, while awarding post-war reconstruction contracts, would accord priority to foreign companies which had continued to work in

the country through the war.

Ramadhan was speaking at a meeting with Newton. On his part, Newton expressed the readiness of British companies to expand economic and trade co-operation with Iraq.

Ramadhan also received a delegation of Gulf Arab businessmen and contractors which is currently here to explore the chances of taking part in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

He told the delegation that priority would be given to Iraqi companies which joined Arab and foreign firms in implementing future development plans.

Overall mood is optimistic, says Alan Oxley

US, Europeans urge freer trade to help Third World economies

GENEVA, Nov 8, (Agencies): The United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) urged developing nations today to concentrate on improving their economic and trading systems rather than demanding special treatment from richer states.

US deputy trade negotiator Michael Samuels told the annual meeting of the 96 member states of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) that it was unacceptable to encourage exemption of Third World states from rules governing world commerce.

He described as 'old theology' the view that developing countries should receive special and favourable treatment in the Uruguay round of trade-liberalising negotiations currently being conducted under GATT auspices.

Samuels said experience had

shown that trade liberalisation promoted rather than hindered economic growth, and was sound economic policy for countries at all levels of development.

"Why then should we be encouraging exemptions from GATT obligations," he said.

GATT rules govern about four-fifths of world trade. EEC chief delegate Tran Van Thinh said developing nations needed to create new jobs for their people, but this required improved domestic economic policies that would encourage initiative and growth. Too many past policies had failed due to excessive government involvement, he said.

Effort
Brazil and India led a drive by developing nations at the two-day GATT session for industrialised states to make a bigger effort to meet Third World interests when progress at the mid-way

stage of the world trade talks comes under review at a meeting of ministers in Montreal next month.

Among goals sought by developing countries at Montreal are the opening up of advanced markets to tropical products, and the adherence by industrialised countries to promises not to introduce new restrictions during the four-year negotiations launched in 1986.

The negotiations are aimed at freeing the flow of trade in 14 areas, including manufactured goods and agriculture, and in service industries such as banking, insurance and tourism.

Alan Oxley, the Australian chairman of the session of the GATT, said in his opening speech that while the overall mood is optimistic, world trade policy is still marked by 'serious flaws, some of which are potentially fatal.'

Oxley said member nations still reserve the possibility of resorting to unilateral or bilateral protection, that farming subsidies are still at an "unacceptably high" level, and "discriminatory export restraint arrangements" have hardly diminished.

He said next month's mid-term review of the Uruguay round negotiations in Canada on Dec 5-8 will be decisive for these trade liberalisation talks flaws remain in world trade.

"Montreal has to be a success," he said of the meeting to be attended by trade ministers of most developed and developing countries.

Sang Ock Lee of South Korea said ministers at Montreal should reaffirm their commitments not to take new trade restricting measures and to start removing existing ones.

Lee said the Uruguay round

negotiations could be expedited by giving credit to countries that have undertaken voluntary liberalisation measures.

Brazil's Ruben Ricupero said that if the Montreal discussions and the remaining two years of Uruguay round talks were to succeed, "we all have to fulfil our responsibilities in converting them into an effective instrument to promote development."

Forecasts
Ricupero said that, contrary to upbeat forecasts about trade expansion, there was an "irrational escalation of unilateral threats of punishing so-called recalcitrant partners."

The Brazilian official branded as "unilateral and illegal" the recent US move to place restrictions on Brazilian imports because of the country's alleged failure to provide patent protection for pharmaceutical products.

Dollar may be weak in the West, but it's soaring on Bulgaria's black market

SOFIA, Nov 8, (Reuters): The US dollar may be in the doldrums on the capitalist world's foreign exchange markets but its value is soaring on Bulgaria's black market.

In the West the dollar has fallen steadily in recent weeks as speculators worry about the United States' bloated trade and budget deficits, prompting intervention from central banks.

But new relaxed rules for Bulgaria's 'Corecom' shops, where luxury goods are sold for hard currency only, have boosted the black market cost of a dollar from five leva a month ago to about seven now — almost nine times the official rate.

"Nobody asks where you got your dollars from any more," said a visitor. "More and more people are buying dollars on the black market to get goods at Corecom shops."

Regulations
Western diplomats said the new regulations for Corecom shops, where foreigners and Bulgarians can buy anything from a bottle of whisky to a car or a flat, ironically appeared to be aimed at sucking hard currency out of the black market into the state's coffers.

Until recently Bulgarians had to use special coupons, available only to people who could prove they obtained their hard currency legally, to buy goods at Corecom which were either unavailable in ordinary shops or subject to long waiting lists.

This effectively meant only Bulgarians who had worked abroad or received hard currency as a gift from relatives and friends in the West could shop at Corecom.

Surged
But a brief announcement last month in the official gazette opened the way for anyone with hard currency to go shopping at Corecom with no questions asked. The change has created a surge in demand for black market dollars and West German marks, the dealer's other favourite hard currency.

Diplomats and Eastern European sources said that a major reason why the government, which is wrestling with a sharply rising Western debt, had relaxed the rules was to stop Polish black marketeers from smuggling huge amounts of hard currency out of the country. No reliable figures are available but according to some unofficial estimates millions of dollars could be seeping out of Bulgaria in this way.

Dealers
Every summer, Polish dealers come to Bulgaria to change their zloties into leva, which they use to buy dollars far more cheaply than back home. They then spirit the money out of the country either to use on Poland's booming black market or to pay for trips to the West.

The diplomats and Eastern Europeans said that by relaxing the rules the authorities were

encouraging Bulgarians to spend their illegal dollars at home in Corecom stores rather than selling them to Poles.

By stepping off black market dollars, the authorities can use profits from the Corecom shops to repay foreign debts or finance imports from the West needed to modernise the economy.

"It's a true free-market economy," said one Eastern European. "When the Poles arrive in the early summer the black market rate goes up." But the rate falls at Easter when the market is flooded with hard currency.

During the Easter holidays thousands of tourists pour into Bulgaria from neighbouring Greece and change their money for leva with black market dealers who hang around central Sofia.

Reforms
In Bulgaria most legal business is still state-owned, although cautious economic reforms have allowed a few private restaurants and taxis to appear in Sofia.

Life can be good for black market dealers as profit margins are high. While they sell at around seven leva to the dollar, they rarely buy from tourists for more than three.

Black marketeers, wearing the latest Western fashions, are to be seen dining at Sofia's best restaurants alongside Western diplomats and businessmen and senior Bulgarian officials.

RJR Nabisco considering sale of food businesses

NEW YORK, Nov 8, (AP): Buyout target RJR Nabisco Inc. is considering the sale of its food businesses in advance of any takeover, and has invited bidders to consider sweetening their offers with stock rather than more cash, says the committee evaluating the offers.

The corporate committee yesterday announced a Nov 18 deadline for submission of proposals, and warned it would not consider offers from bidders who had not agreed to the terms set for auction.

RJR Nabisco already is the target of a record \$20.3 billion takeover bid by the New York investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Inc. and a rival proposal by Nabisco management to acquire the company for \$20.7 billion.

The New York buyout firm Forstmann Little and Co. announced last week it led an investor group that included consumer products giant Procter and Gamble Co., the investment firm Goldman, Sachs and Co., and Ralston Purina Co. that was interested in a possible counteroffer that would surpass both existing bids.

Sale
RJR stock rose \$1.75 a share to \$87.37-1/2 in New York Stock Exchange composite trading yesterday.

The special committee said the RJR Nabisco board of directors was considering the possible sale

of its food businesses, with the after-tax proceeds being paid to shareholders before any acquisition.

"Accordingly, parties are invited to submit proposals on a basis which, in effect, would involve acquiring RJR Nabisco as a stand-alone tobacco company," the committee stated.

Industry analysts have estimated RJR Nabisco's food businesses would bring from \$12.5 billion to \$15.5 billion if sold off from the company.

The committee's announcement said no final decision had been made on whether to sell the company or any of its parts.

In addition, the committee stated it was inviting the inclusion in bids of a "substantial common stock-related equity component."

Request
The panel's announcement did not elaborate on the reasons for the request, although including stock in their offers would enable bidders to increase the value of their offers without having to come up with more cash.

A buyout of the RJR Nabisco food businesses would mirror the recent trend that has seen the acquisitions and sometimes breaking up of the nation's biggest food companies. Last month, Kraft Inc. agreed to be acquired by food and tobacco giant Philip Morris Companies Inc. in a \$13.1 billion buyout, the second-biggest US corporate acquisition ever.

World Business Summary

Britain tells US to resist trade protectionism, cut its deficit

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuters): Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson yesterday called on the next president of the United States to resist trade protectionism and to cut the huge budget deficit in order to preserve confidence in the dollar. He said the new president must not put up barriers against imported goods and foreign capital and must get to grips with a "very sizeable budget deficit." "There is a danger that if no steps are taken to curb their budget deficit... that there will be a loss of confidence in the dollar," Lawson said in a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) telephone interview. "That would cause a considerable period of exchange rate turbulence, which would make it very difficult for the whole world economy to operate and work successfully," he said. Commenting on the British economy, Lawson said he wanted to cut inflation to zero from the current annual rate of 5.9 per cent. "That is the target. What you have to do is get there step by step, getting inflation gradually lower and lower," he said.

Saudi Fund loan for Sudan

KHARTOUM, Nov 8, (Reuters): Sudan's ailing railway system has received a \$6 million (\$10 million) loan from Saudi Arabia, the Sudan News Agency SUNA reported today. It said the railway, Sudan's biggest employer and main means of transport, would use money from the Saudi Fund to buy equipment and spare parts and for line repairs, especially on the section north of Khartoum. SUNA said Sudan would repay the loan over 20 years with a five-year grace period. It made no mention of interest. Meanwhile, Sudan has declared war on black market currency dealers as part of a campaign to put its debt-ridden economy back on the road to recovery.



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Ankara tries to put its economic house in order

Turkey seeks to boost IMF confidence

ANKARA, Nov 8, (Reuters): Turkey this week will try to boost the confidence of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank in its economic management as it struggles with a hefty foreign debt and high inflation.

Western bankers said the IMF and World Bank would urge Turkey in the Washington talks to stick to economic targets and reduce inflation.

The country is saddled with a \$40 billion foreign debt, while inflation soared to an eight-year high of 86.4 per cent on an annual basis in October.

Lenders
Ankara, meanwhile, will look for an IMF signal to major lenders that it is determined to put its economic house in order to ensure flows of fresh funds as it drives for modernisation and full European Economic Community membership.

"I do not see the need for another stand-by loan at present and I do not think Turkey will ask, but there is concern about inflation and adhering to econ-

omic targets," one banking source said today.

A Turkish official told reporters the IMF was more sensitive than ever this year, especially over the cost of living, but that it should not push Turkey into a process it did not want.

Turkey is sending a top economic team, led by State Minister Yusuf Ozal and including Central Bank governor Rusdu Saracoglu, to Washington for the talks due to start at mid-week.

Plan
The team is likely to meet IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus and World Bank President Barber Conable to explain Turkey's medium-term economic plan, which envisages inflation of under 20 per cent by 1992, the sources said.

An IMF team is expected to make a routine visit to Turkey next week.

Turkey receives about \$1 billion a year in credits from the World Bank. Treasury sources said \$1.1 billion were earmarked for 1989, mainly for use in the

transport sector.

Bankers said Japan would be particularly interested in results of this week's talks. Tokyo this year agreed to give Turkey a \$400 million credit for financial restructuring in tandem with a similar amount from the World Bank.

Debts
The bankers said Turkey was servicing on time its foreign debt, which with military debts, reached \$40.8 billion at the end of 1987. Total 1988 repayments are estimated at \$7.3 billion and 7.2 billion in 1989.

Turkey went through a humiliating rescheduling of about \$20 billion of debt in 1980, the year the Army staged a coup to quell political violence triggered mainly by economic woes.

Evidence
"To Turkey's credit, no other country that went through a major rescheduling has gone for so long without another one," one banking source said.

Bankers said the IMF and World Bank wanted evidence by mid-1989 that Turkey was stick-

ing to its economic targets and not overshooting in some major areas as in previous years.

"Some Turks know how to rev the economic engine but cannot apply the clutch when necessary," one banker said.

The calendar 1988 consumer price inflation target was around 45 per cent, compared with an actual 55.1 per cent in 1987 and 30.7 per cent in 1986.

The end-October rate of 86.4 per cent was the highest since conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal came to office in 1983 after three years of Army rule.

Realities
Ozal's free-wheeling economic policies have caused widespread discontent in NATO-member Turkey, a predominantly Muslim country of 54 million people.

Officials say real growth in 1988 is likely to be around seven per cent, way above a targeted five per cent and compared with 7.4 per cent in 1987, again after a five per cent target.

Bankers said the 1989 targets

were realistic. They include five per cent real growth and a budget deficit of 4,480 billion lira (\$2.6 billion), compared with an estimated 4,098 billion lira (\$2.4 billion) in 1988.

Strong exports and tourism revenues helped Turkey cut its current account deficit by 74 per cent to \$131 million in the first eight months of this year from a year earlier.

Some senior bankers say privately they are unhappy with the way major decisions are being made, the hard line taken by some officials and the time they spent outside the country.

They said there appeared to be a lack of co-ordination in some areas. The government last month raised taxes on basic foodstuffs, then lowered them next day.

Prime Minister Ozal last month freed bank deposit interest rates after a big foreign exchange run on the lira.

Central Bank Governor Saracoglu said the decision was a mistimed, political decision and the rates were later capped.

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CANADA	352.6	360.4	365.0	356.1	350.7
DENMARK	487.3	489.1	488.4	464.5	336.6
FRANCE	421.3	421.3	419.7	396.1	288.5
GERMANY	201.0	201.0	198.8	195.6	156.6
HONG KONG	1904.8	1909.5	1914.3	1812.7	1644.3
FINLAND	118.3	117.7	118.0	112.1	108.1
ITALY	465.8	465.4	467.1	439.5	377.4
JAPAN	1284.8	1291.9	1296.6	1289.0	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	259.9	264.0	263.2	260.1	215.9
NEW ZEAL	92.6	93.0	94.0	93.9	98.9
NORWAY	498.0	498.0	490.6	483.0	392.4
SPAIN	594.8	594.8	594.2	587.0	473.1

SWITZ	170.0	170.0	170.0	163.6	140.7
U.K.	558.8	558.8	559.6	551.2	515.7
U.S.A.	253.3	255.5	258.1	250.6	229.4
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STOCKS UP	673	
STOCKS DOWN	311	
7-MOV- NASDAQ VOLUME	101,422,700	
STOCKS UP	575	
DOWN	1504	
ALZA CORP	28 1/4	+ 3/6
FIBREBOARD	11 5/8	+ 1/4
CHCA	11 5/8	+ 1 1/2
DANSON OIL	1 1/16	+ 1/32
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FIBREBOARD	11 5/8	+ 1 1/2
T E C INC	2 3/4	+ 1/4
PORTAGE CP	2 3/4	+ 1/4
MISSION RE	4 1/4	- 3/8
VANDERBILT	3 1/2	- 1/4
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STOCKS DOWN	111	

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NYSE INDS	187.08	+ 1.10		
AMEX INDEX	294.46	+ 0.99		
NASD COMP	377.50	+ 0.99		
NASD BANKING	443.68	- 0.18		
NASD FIN'L	470.51	+ 0.67		
NASD INDS	371.80	+ .30		
S-P 100 INDEX	261.83	+ 1.79		

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NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
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HOUS INTD	29 5/8		UNCH	ECHO BAY	15 1/4	-	1/8
WISCONSIN	26 5/8		UNCH	FIRST AUG	9 13/16	+ 1/16	
AMER ELEC	27 1/8		UNCH	TEXAS AIR	13 5/8	-	1/4
NASSCO RJR	87 7/8	+ 1/2		TIE	1 3/8		UNCH
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CEN SO INST	31 1/2		UNCH	ANDRILL CP	20 1/8	+ 3/8	
WALM CORP	8 1/2	- 1/8		ALZA CORP	24 1/4	+ 1/4	
SEARS ROE	42 3/4	- 1		FIBREBOARD	11 5/8	+ 1 1/2	
COMW ED	32	+ 3/8		DAWSON OIL	1 1/16	+ 1/32	
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IDEAL BAS	2 1/8	+ 1/8		PORTAGE CP	2 3/4	+ 1/4	
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Street Market Report

NEW YORK, Nov 8, (Reuters): Wall Street stocks jumped higher on election of some traders anticipated a Bush victory, brokers said. S.G. Warburg's Ducey said trading would be some of the slowest of the year. He added the market had found technical support at a key level.

The Dow was up 13 at 2137 and gainers led declining issues broadly. Sugar appeared yesterday at the 2120 level. Analysts said stocks also gained support from higher US bond prices. Dow stocks dominated the early active list with ahead 5/8 to 118-3/4, Eastman Kodak ahead 1/4 at 45-7/8 and General El up 1/2 at 43-7/8.

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Currency rates

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KUWAIT, Nov 8. (KUNA) Following are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.27983	0.28072
Sterling	0.49749	0.50071

Sterling	0.49749	0.50071
D. mark	0.15724	0.15823
S. franc	0.18769	0.18893
E. franc	0.01608	0.01636

F. franc	0.04608	0.04636
It. lira	0.0002117	0.0002131
Jap. yen	0.0022419	0.0022561
Rub. dir.	0.74206	0.74481

Bah. din.	0.74205	0.74481
UAE Dh.	0.07618	0.07644
S. riyal	0.07460	0.07485
Q. riyal	0.07682	0.07717

Q. riyal	0.07683	0.07712
Q. riyal	0.72664	0.72922

Moroccan minister optimistic on growth and inflation

ained economic growth, low inflation and the reduction of

Morocco's 1989 budget, Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada told parliament last night.

Berrada said he hoped to hold inflation below three per cent, one of the lowest rates in the Third World, and maintain economic growth at between three and four per cent next year.

Gross domestic product (GDP) growth was "particularly high" at six per cent this year thanks to record harvests, a surge in exports and favourable performance in other sectors, he said.

The overall treasury deficit was 6.2 per cent of GDP in 1987.

next year, he said.

He also predicted that the ratio of exports to imports would rise to 71 per cent this year compared to 66 per cent last year, thanks to low oil prices and reduced food imports.

The overall balance of payments deficit would be below one per cent of GDP, thanks mainly to higher tourism receipts and remittances from emigrant workers.

He said the outlook called for "prudent optimism" but that there was still a long haul ahead to straighten out the kingdom's finances.

Morocco's foreign debts top \$17 billion or about 105 per cent of GDP. Berrada said there could be "no let up in our readjustment and restructuring efforts" to remedy imbalances.

Berrada promised that taxes would not be increased. On the contrary the 100 dirhams (about \$12) exit tax will be abolished, taxes on foreign pensions will be cut by 75 per cent to encourage retirees to settle in Morocco, and numerous stamp dues and registration fees will be reduced.

In a final phase of fiscal reform, a new general income tax will be introduced to make the Moroccan taxation system "one of the most modern in the developing world," Berrada said.

He said "absolute priority" would continue to be given to defence. The government's second priority will be agriculture to attain self-sufficiency in food.

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Gold and oil prices drop

World financial markets strengthen

LONDON, Nov 8. (Reuters): Financial markets around the globe strengthened today as investors grew more confident that George Bush would be the next president of the United States.

Early gains in the dollar and on leading share markets in Europe and the US levelled off by the European close as traders settled down to await the American electorate's verdict on the contest between Republican Vice-President Bush and Democratic challenger Michael Dukakis for the White House.

Comfortable
Financial analysts say the markets would be more comfortable with Bush as president than with Dukakis but there was still concern about how either man would deal with America's huge trade and budget deficits.

The Japanese yen was weak amid concern about Emperor Hirohito's deteriorating health. Japanese financial markets would close for a period of mourning if the 87-year-old monarch died.

Gold and oil prices weakened slightly in thin trade. The dollar rose in early trading as convictions grew of a Bush win but came off its highs as dealers evened up positions ahead of the official result.

Victory
"The dollar is getting its levitation from the expectation of a Bush victory," said Francois Soars-Kemp, a dealer at credit Suisse in New York.

Another currency dealer commented: "The market stands behind Bush."

The dollar closed in London at 125.63 Japanese yen and 1.7890 West German marks compared with yesterday's finish of 124.65 and 1.7835.

An early advance in Wall Street share prices eased by midday with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up four points at 2,128.

Daiwa senior trader Ned Collins said a Dukakis win would be "temporary depression" for the market. Earlier, share prices in Tokyo ended above the 28,000 resistance line. "News from the US looks like we will see a Bush victory so people have decided that we should see the market go up," said one foreign broker based in Japan. "People are quite positive at the moment."

Weakened
Gold bullion prices weakened to close in London at \$418.45 an ounce, pulled down from yesterday's high of \$421.10 by a sharp decline in platinum.

Dealers said the falls were not too significant as market attention was generally focused on the US election.

Oil prices dipped after reports that Saudi Arabia had offered to knock 10 cents off each barrel of crude bought by Japan for delivery in December.

The falls were reinforced by a report quoting oil industry sources saying Saudi production hit 6.5 million barrels daily last week, more than two million barrels above its OPEC quota.

In late London trading, typical North Sea Brent blend crude for December delivery was being quoted at about \$12.80 a barrel.

about 10 cents lower than the day before.

In London equities were trading around their day's highs this afternoon, helped by a strong early gain on Wall Street, which is beginning to anticipate a clear win for Republican candidate George Bush in the presidential election.

Shares started firmer today as institutional investors went bargain-hunting after the recent falls and particular demand was noted for blue chip companies, dealers said.

By 1540 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 19.8 points up at the day's high of 1,839.5.

However, many dealers doubt whether a rally can be sustained. "Bush has been silent on the budget and trade deficits so far but he has ruled out tax rises. With the economy still growing strongly, some tightening in monetary policy looks increasingly likely," one said.

Dealers
Dealers said the deteriorating health of Japanese Emperor Hirohito was also hanging over the market.

Rumours this morning that he had died depressed the market for a while, and his doctors said he was fighting the worst crisis of his illness so far. The Tokyo market is expected to fall sharply when he dies.

Bush's lead in the polls also helped the US currency to gain today, which helped the big dollar earners here. ICI gained 10p to 1,025. Hawker Siddeley 8p to 554. BP 5p to 458 and Jaguar 10p to 277. Wellcome rose 9p to 461. It

reports its annual results on Thursday, and pharmaceutical analysts are predicting pre-tax profits in the region of £215 million after 169.1 million previously.

They expect Wellcome's anti-AIDS drug Retrovir to have contributed to profits for the first time in the second half of this year.

Trend
Ranks Hovis McDougall moved against the trend, falling 8p to 368 on fading bid hopes. Industry sources said yesterday that Goodman Fielder had received no cash offers for its near 30 per cent stake in Ranks. The deadline for offers was believed to have been the end of October, dealers said.

Lorho shares also fell, shedding 6p to 417p on profit-taking after recent strong advances.

Bond Corp disclosed yesterday that it had raised its Lorho holding to 20.5 per cent from 20 per cent, which disappointed some speculators who had hoped it had been buying Lorho stock more aggressively.

Higher
British Aerospace was 8p higher at 498 helped by news that Britain's Air Force planned to order 41 Tornado fighter aircraft, which analysts said could be worth up to £1 billion.

Rolls-Royce, which makes the engines for the Tornado, stood 2p higher at 134 with 3.9 million shares traded in two blocks around the time of the announcement.

Sainsbury was 5p higher at 205 after reporting a 23 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to

£186.4 million. The result was at the top end of market expectations and helped lift others in the food sector. Tesco added 3p to 135, in common with Kwik save at 349, while Asda edged up 2p to 145.

Strong
Shares in commercial television stations remained strong after yesterday's proposals by the UK government to deregulate and restructure Britain's commercial television industry.

Dealers said the changes could open up the sector to takeover bids. Central Independent TV was up a net 26p to 596, Thames TV added 16p to 416, Granada gained 14-1/2p to 341, London Weekend put on 12p to 193 and Harlech 17p to 296.

In a firm oil sector Lasmo added 10p to 504, helped by news its shareholders today approved the proposed sale of its 25 per cent stake in enterprise. Shell added 12p to 978, BP 4p to 250 and Enterprise 9p to 581.

Property development group Rosebush dipped 1p to 611 on profit-taking despite double full year pre-tax profits to £30.37 million.

Elsewhere in the sector London shop jumped 31p to 297 after peel holdings, another property group, announced it had bought a further 12.1 million London shop shares, taking its stake to 21.19 per cent or 12.75 million shares. Peel was 6p off at 329.

At the close the FTSE 100 index was 20.9 points up at 1,840.6, after touching a high of 1,841.3, on an above average turnover of 502.8 million shares.

Government to impose stringent terms

US may give medium-term credits to Iraq

By Fathima Ahmed

THE US government will consider Iraq's request for medium-term loans to rebuild industrial projects, but will impose fairly stringent terms, according to a senior American official.

Robert H. Pines, deputy assistant secretary of commerce for Africa, the Near East and South Asia, addressing a news conference yesterday, said a request for long-term US loans was also made during his recent meeting with Iraq's commerce minister.

Pines said: "We are not saying no, because we wish to encourage Iraq's reconstruction after the very cruel war; on the other hand, there must be an element of prudence in granting (credit) facilities, but we'll consider making medium-term credits" to Iraq.

Ties

Pines, who was in Iraq to attend the Baghdad Trade Fair, arrived in Kuwait earlier this week for talks with Kuwaiti officials on further improving trade ties.

The US has taken a cautious stand, based on Iraq's previous record of debt repayment.

After the Aug 20 ceasefire, Iraq was expected to repay nearly \$1.1 billion in new credits. Short-term US credits have been repaid



Robert H. Pines

by Iraq, he said. Baghdad has also been prompt in repaying a bulk of credit given by the US Department of Agriculture.

US agricultural credits to Iraq are estimated to be over \$960 million with two- or three-year repayment terms. The commodities included are livestock, grain, poultry, tobacco and lumber.

It is estimated that Iraq owes nearly \$50 billion; of which \$20 billion is owed to the Arab world and the rest to non-Arab states. Iraqis also owe nearly \$3 billion to Japan (Japan has reportedly stated her intention to cut back further credits).

"Under these circumstances, we would need quite a bit of doing to get the American Export-Import Bank to consider long-term credits. But we are prepared to consider medium-term credits," said Pines.

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Pines said his government has set forth certain conditions and will impose fairly stringent conditions for medium-term credits, if given to Iraq.

Speaking on the eve of a change in administration in the US, Pines said he was "reasonably confident" that any new government would not change the long-term US economic policy in the Gulf and Arab world.

In the last two years, US trade ties with the Arab world entered a new phase. Though US trade ties weakened in comparison with European competitors, there was a slight improvement, with American exports rising by nearly 13 per cent from 1986 to 1987, due mainly to shipments to Iraq, Egypt and the UAE. Their trade deficit, which was \$2.1 billion in 1986 dropped to \$179 million. Analysts say this was due to doubling of American weapons sales to the region, and to some extent due to the devaluation of the dollar. The trade deficit is blamed on cutbacks by major buyers in the region — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Value

The total value of exports to Kuwait fell from \$656.6 million in 1986 to \$504 million a year later; during the same period,

imports from Kuwait rose from \$307.1 million in 1986 to \$568.6 million in 1987.

In sharp contrast to the bulk of US exports, which are mainly industrial products, the Americans have shown a short-term increase in the sale of agricultural products in the Gulf and Arab world.

They are also exploring new avenues, like joint investment projects in the petroleum and petrochemical production sectors. Though direct US investments continued to grow in the mid-80s in the Middle East, their share in developing Arab countries fell by 11 per cent in 1987, after stagnating in 1985-86.

Nearly half of Oman's '87 revenues generated by oil

MUSCAT, Nov 8. (OPECNA): Nearly 50 per cent of Oman's total 1987 revenues were derived from oil, according to official figures released yesterday.

A report by the minister of petroleum and mineral resources carried by the official Oman news agency said that 48.5 per cent of the revenues were generated by oil, with the balance made up by agriculture, light industries, fisheries and international trade.

Greek banking scandal rocks government

ATHENS, Nov 8. (Reuters): Greece's Socialist government, badly battered by its handling of a major bank scandal, today rejected calls by opposition parties to resign and hold elections.

Elections will be held on schedule next June, the government spokesman said, adding that those calling for elections were virtually every opposition party — were seeking to undermine the country.

"This is the message of those who want to lead Greece into a state of non-government and chaos," Sotiris Kostopoulos told reporters.

Vanished

The Socialists came under fierce attack yesterday when a young Greek-American newspaper and banking tycoon — the man at the centre of the scandal — vanished.

George Koskotas, whose meteoric rise and quick financial empire stunned the business community, was charged two weeks ago with embezzlement, forgery and obstructing state investigators.

Egypt set for showdown with Islamic finance firms

CAIRO, Nov 8. (Reuters): Egyptian authorities are facing a showdown with Islamic finance companies which control billions of dollars in small savers' money.

More than 100 privately-owned firms which have operated for years with few controls, faced a deadline tonight to tell authorities whether they will go public and accept scrutiny.

The Capital Markets Authority, an official regulatory agency, was due to announce tomorrow how many agreed to abide by the June law and how many planned to close.

Newspapers reported that 21 out of 106 firms affected by the law had forwarded their decision to the authority and most said they wanted to stay in business.

Investigation
Those which liquidate their affairs will undergo detailed official investigation and must pay back depositors within two years or face legal action. Fears have been voiced that some may not have the funds to do so.

Customers demanding their money back in recent months have demonstrated outside company offices after finding firms have suspended deposits and withdrawals.

Depositors have also protested outside the office of President Hosni Mubarak, a sign of the sort of problem the government could face if thousands of Egyptian lose their savings.

Mubarak told journalists yesterday the government was committed "to regain depositors' rights."

Profit
The saga of the Islamic firms has at times assumed the proportions of soap opera. Egyptians have followed avidly stories such as the marriage of a top financier's ex-wife to a police officer and the death last week of her ex-husband after a heart attack.

The Islamic finance companies reject the notion of interest, banned by Islam, and ask customers to share in the profit — or loss — of their dealings.

Armed with the image of Islam in this overwhelmingly Muslim country, they offered returns of 20 per cent or more, compared to interest of 13 per cent given by banks, and attracted huge deposits from about 600,000 Egyptians.

Official figures are scarce but a state-owned bank has estimated the Islamic companies control over \$2 billion.

Action
By the time the government took action, rumours were rife of bad business practices by some big firms and speculative activities inadequately covered by capital — charges denied by company officials.

The government banned named executives from travelling abroad and invoked emergency laws to stop the biggest Islamic firm, Al Rayan, from selling property and other assets after it offered real estate for sale to pay off angry depositors.

Turkey to launch investment fund next year, say bankers

ISTANBUL, Nov 8. (Reuters): A Turkey Investment Fund will be launched on the New York Stock Exchange next year to provide fresh cash for Turkey's flagging economy, bankers said today.

The \$60 million fund underwritten by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) could even be set up before the end of 1988, a senior treasury official said.

The fund progressed further this month when the US managers of the fund, Morgan Stanley, appointed Istanbul-based Turk Merchant Bank as local investment adviser.

"In the long run, it will be another institutional investor ... it will have a very good effect," Turk Merchant Bank general manager Vural Akiskis said.

Fund

The fund will allow foreigners to make an easily resellable investment in Turkey, although the fund itself is closed-end and must keep its investments in Turkey for 25 years.

The IFC, an arm of the World Bank, is backing the project as part of its support for private sector business. "We are 60 per cent of output in Turkey is by state-owned enterprises."

The sale, lead-managed by US banks and brokers, will also test international faith in Turkey, where an improved business climate this decade is buffeted by 86 per cent inflation and interest rates of up to 150 per cent.

Akiskis said the fund's \$60 million was a minimum but declined to comment on where, how and how fast the money

would be invested, already the subject of a growing debate.

The Turkish Treasury will set investment guidelines for the fund and favoured a balanced pattern of many small portfolio investments, the treasury official said.

Two thirds of the fund capital would be spent evenly on private and state-owned securities. The other third would be invested in interest-bearing instruments like treasury bonds and commercial paper, the official said.

The official said investments would eventually be made through the Istanbul Stock Exchange, reformed three years ago to be a locomotive of financial reform but badly knocked by a speculative crash in August 1987.

"It takes some time. The fund should be able to buy some shares from the market within one year," the official said.

Capital

The fund's capital is the equivalent of well over a year's turnover on the Istanbul market and stock exchange chairman Muharrem Karasaid said the fund money was expected until 1990.

"We are not very 'on line' with these preparations... the fund will include securities, but not from the stock exchange," Karasaid said.

Karasaid believed this was a mistake, because the stock exchange provided at least a thin market and a place for the fund's portfolio investments to be sold easily.

The fund was likely to buy shares privately in the many

companies within big Turkish industrial groups that are not quoted on the exchange, Karasaid said.

Brokers said many state-owned shares in companies were also likely to be sold privately to the fund in what one called a "back-door" privatisation programme.

Foreign mutual and unit trust funds were allowed to repatriate capital gains and dividends under a July 20 decree, but Karasaid said first applications were being held up.

"The Central Bank is too cautious, saying it will have to keep reserves in case the investors suddenly change to a market outside Turkey," Karasaid said.

Karasaid said two or three European funds had applied to the Turkish Treasury since July for permission to invest about \$1 million each in Turkish stocks.

Investment

However the treasury official said a total \$100 million worth of foreign portfolio investment, excluding the Turkey Investment Fund, was awaiting approval. "We look on these positively," he said.

The Istanbul Stock Exchange index closed at 429.26 today on sharply higher volume, compared to a base of 100 in January 1986 and a speculative high of 1,332 in August 1987.

"Nobody knows why prices are going up. It could be the good third quarter company results, or it could be the psychological effect of the coming of the Turkey Fund," Karasaid said.

Contest still seen as close

Canada markets spooked by poll

OTTAWA, Nov 8. (Reuters): Fear struck Canada's stock, bond and money markets yesterday after a poll was released showing the opposition Liberals heading towards an overall majority in the Nov 21 election.

But analysts say the mood of the electorate is fickle and with two weeks to go, the campaign is still seen as too close to call.

A Gallup poll published by the Toronto Star said the Liberals were on the way to winning a majority in parliament with the support of 43 per cent of decided voters.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives, who entered the campaign well in front, were second with 31 per cent support. The left-leaning New Democrats were last with 22 per cent.

Legislation

The Canadian dollar as well as the stock and bond markets fell sharply on concerns that the pro-business Conservatives would be unable to pass legislation implementing free trade with the United States.

The Liberals, claiming the country will be overwhelmed by the United States in the deal, say they will not pass the measure if elected. The New Democrats and the Liberals are expected to block the deal if the Conservatives win only a minority of seats in the House of Commons.

The leading index on the Toronto Stock Exchange, Can-

ada's largest, fell more than 75 points in heavy trading of nearly 27 million shares.

The Canadian dollar dropped nearly three-quarters of a US cent to fall under the important 81 US cent mark, despite heavy intervention by the Canadian Central Bank. The bond market

also closed sharply lower.

Analysts said the prospect of Canada reaching a free trade deal with its largest trading partner attracted a lot of foreign investment over the past several months, which in turn sparked a rally in the Canadian dollar and other investment, traders said.

Seminar reviews short-term outlook for US interest rates, dollar

Investcorp looking for safe and secure investment outlets

INVESTCORP the Bahrain-based international investment bank, yesterday concluded a seminar in which various financial and investment issues were discussed.

Members of the management committee and senior executives from both Bahrain and London spoke on their specialist subjects.

Attending the seminar, which was held at the SAS Hotel, were Investcorp shareholders, investors and prominent members of the Kuwait business community.

In his opening address, Bill Samuel, member of the Investcorp management committee, said: "Investcorp was set up to intermediate between prime investment opportunities in the industrial world and the surplus funds that exist in the Gulf region and which is looking for safe and secure investment outlets."

Unique

"Over the last six years we have provided our investors with several unique investment opportunities which have been highly rewarding to them. The management of Investcorp felt that this is an opportune time to provide our investors with a behind-the-scenes look into our activities."

Speaking on the world economic climate, Professor G. Maynard, Investcorp economic adviser and former consultant to the Bank of England, highlighted the risks involved in investing in marketable securities.

Maynard also addressed the short-term outlook for US interest rates, the US dollar and the budget and trade deficits in the US.

Paul Dimitruk, member of the Investcorp management committee, spoke on Investcorp's corporate acquisitions: "Investcorp's central role is to form a bridge between the management team of the acquired company that desires to be the owners of their own business and the necessary funds provided by financial passive investors who seek direct investment opportunities in established private companies."

"We act as a catalyst around which management can own a significant share of the business they operate and are therefore incentivised in the most effective way possible, and financial passive investors can diversify their portfolios by participating in a wide range of private company investments which are structured to yield superior returns."

Activities

John Thompson, member of the Investcorp management committee and in charge of its real estate activities, spoke of the various types of real estate transactions arranged by Investcorp and their risks and returns.

Yusef Abu Khadra, another member of the Investcorp management committee, introduced the corporate investment portfolio and the real estate portfolio which are Investcorp in-house specialities.

These portfolios (funds), which have been operational since 1986, offer investors secure and reliable investment opportunities which enjoy a stable return and capital appreciation potential.

Summing up the seminar, Khadra spoke of the difficult



The Investcorp team is shown. They are Yusef Abu Khadra, Paul Dimitruk, John Thompson, Marwan Hayek, Prof. G. Maynard, William Samuel, Abul Khaleq Jallad and Nizar Al Sale.

investment environment that we live in and of the complex and varied alternatives that investors face. He also showed the seminar participants how secure and safe Investcorp activities have been.

Also present at the seminar as part of the Investcorp team were Salman Al-Hassani, member of the management committee, Marwan Hayek, member of the Investcorp marketing and

regional investment banking team, Abdul Khaleq Jallad, member of the Investcorp Management committee. He recently joined Investcorp's London office to cover marketing in Europe. Nizar Al Sale who also recently joined Investcorp's Bahrain office as a member of the marketing and regional investment banking team, also attending for investors worldwide.

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Cruising down the Nile in a state-of-the-art cruise liner

Cleopatra never had it so good!

By Arthur Unger

CAIRO: Cleopatra never had it so good. Instead of a primitive barge, I floated down the Nile on a state-of-the-art Sheraton cruise ship, using the same waterway on which Cleopatra and the pharaohs travelled 5,000 years ago.

The HS Tut, one of a fleet of four Sheraton Nile riverboats, is a deluxe floating hotel, complete with air-conditioning throughout, a first-class restaurant, a late-night disco, a sun deck with plenty of lounge chairs, and a swimming pool. The ship is also equipped with trained Egyptologists, who accompany tourists on excursions to most of the major tombs that lie close to the Nile between Aswan and Luxor.

In four days and five nights we toured Aswan's High Dam and Kitchener's Island, visited the ancient temples at Philae, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna, Luxor, and Karnak, as well as the Valley of the Kings, on the west bank. We shopped in the exotic souks of Aswan and Luxor, ate superb breakfasts and other excellent meals aboard ship, enjoyed nighttime native dancing, and laughed at tourists voluntarily making fools of themselves at a costume ball and at the fancy dress party which was held in the disco.

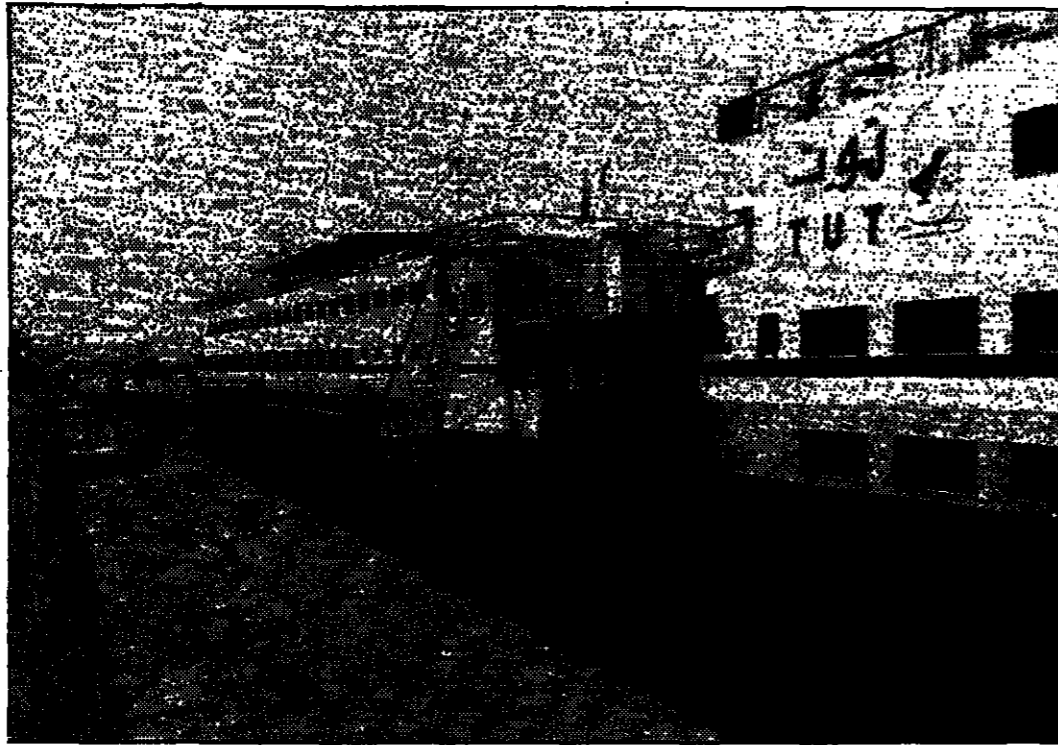
Throughout the voyage we met interesting and stimulating people who had chosen a unique vacation combining luxury with learning. They delved into the mysteries of ancient Egypt the enjoyable way.

Whereas a few years ago there were only a few comfortable boats plying the Aswan-Luxor-Aswan route, now there are about 80 such vessels. Some are rather primitive by any standard and some rather luxurious by Middle Eastern standards.

Butts

But that doesn't mean any of them would meet the requirements of cruise buffs used to the utter luxury of such ships as the Sea Goddesses or even the Royal Viking Line. Many ships are operated by Egyptian companies. Both the Hilton and Sheraton hotel chains run their own boats as well. The Sheraton Hotel boats are the Isis and Orisis.

Even though the Sheraton



Cruise ships tied up at dockside on the Nile River.

and Hilton boats were a bit higher in cost than most, the price still constituted a bargain by most international cruise standards. In season, the four-night, five-day Sheraton cruise cost \$920 double (1989 price, \$1,060) for an air-conditioned, private-bathroom stateroom with all meals and all excursions included. The high season runs from about Oct 1 through April 30. In the off-season, May 1 through Sept 30, the price for the same voyage was \$680 double (for 1989, \$780).

Hilton prices for 1989 will probably be about \$980 (double) in high season; \$512 (double) in the off-season. The Hilton boats are smaller and somewhat simpler in recreational facilities. Most of the other boats are less expensive.

There are three-night cruises and seven-night cruises at proportionate rates. All cruises, however, run between Luxor and Aswan in either direction; the longer ones simply take it slower and visit two extra tombs (Abidos and Dendera).

The low waters of the Nile

between Luxor and Cairo make boat trips to and from Cairo impossible at most times of the year; so, for the most part, the Cairo-Aswan itinerary has been abandoned.

I discovered that the Aswan-

Luxor direction was preferable to the Luxor-Aswan trip, since more of the trip is accomplished in daylight, enabling passengers to see more of the marvellously diverse local life along the Nile.

Although many expensive package tours to Egypt include three-, four-, or seven-night cruises on the Nile, we decided to see Egypt on our own and book passage on the Nile boat of our own choice. My travel agent contacted an Egyptian travel agent, who made arrangements for a stay in a fine Cairo hotel (the Marriott), then a flight to Aswan, and a stay at another fine hotel (the Oberoi) before boarding Sheraton's luxurious HS Tut.

A tour of Aswan before the boat sailed downstream included a ride in a native felucca (narrow boat) and a visit to the nearby temple compound of Philae, dating from the 4th century BC and ruled by the goddess Isis.

Philae is on an island between the old and new dams. Recently the temple was moved to a nearby island to avoid the seasonal flooding, which was worsened with the completion of the new dam.

At Kom Ombo, situated on a hill overlooking the Nile, are twin temples for the worship of Horus, a hawk-headed god,

and Sobek, a crocodile god. We visited Edfu and Esna, two ancient temples that date back to about 200 BC.

In most cases the temples were within walking distance of the bank of the Nile. Where they weren't, as with Edfu, the boat provided horse-drawn carriages to transport tourists to the temple site.

In Luxor there were tours to the temple area and time to attend the son et lumiere spectacle at Karnak. The sightseeing tour of Thebes' Valley of the Kings was far too limited, although there was an opportunity to see the Colossi of Memnon and visit the temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the tomb of Tutankhamen. There was barely enough time for adventurous passengers with enough energy to visit tombs of other nobles.

The four nights and five days zoomed by quickly, and soon it was time to leave the HS Tut.

Life on the Nile had proved to be nearly as exciting as Cleopatra and the pharaohs must have found it, but certainly more comfortable and even luxurious than they could ever have anticipated.

At each stop, the Egyptian travel agency arranged for transfers. We were met at the airports by car and driven and escorted to hotel and plane. We

judged the under-\$20 fee well spent, since the service allowed us to avoid the confusing and disorienting hustle at airports. The deluxe hotels, by the way, were all about \$100 (double) per night — expensive for Egypt but a bargain by international travel standards.

The cabins aboard the Tut are small, simply furnished, comfortable, and well equipped. The air-conditioning works well most of the time, as do the private toilet and shower. Each stateroom has a large window through which the occupants can watch the riverbank. There are comfortable chairs for everybody on the upper decks, which make for leisurely people-watching, too.

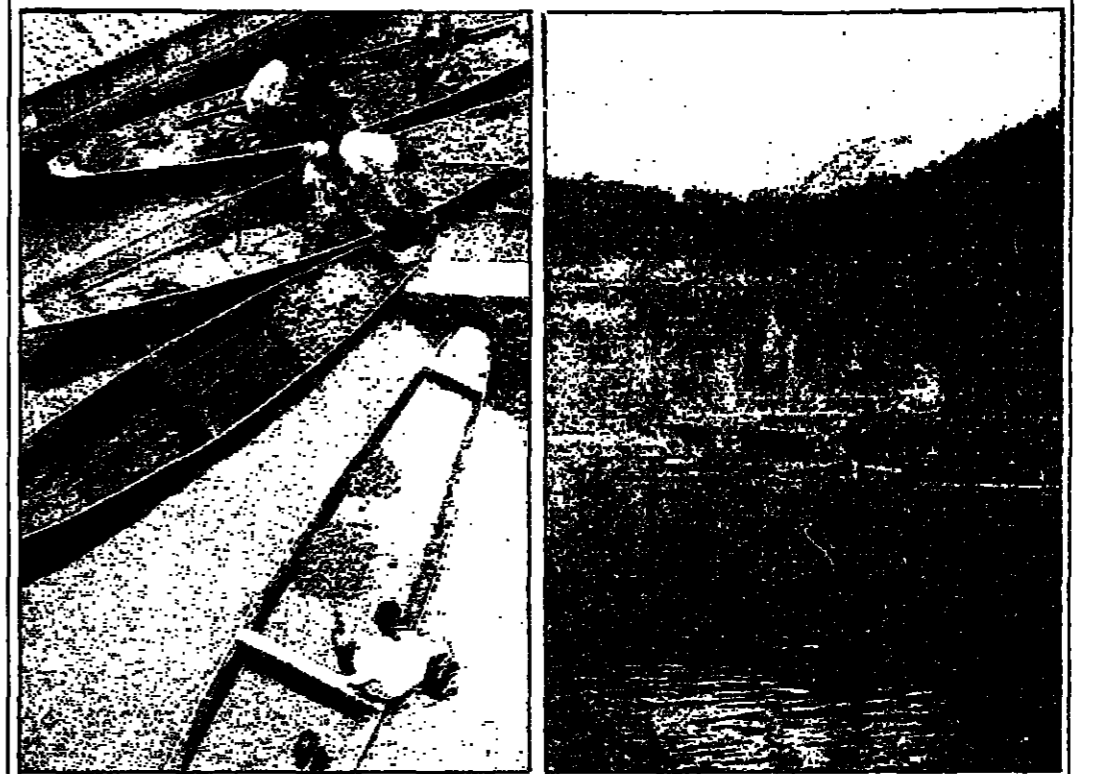
The guides speak English and are well versed in Egyptian history and archaeology. Most of the tourists on our trip, however, were French and Germans on package tours. They were assigned to guides who spoke their own language.

The most enervating sightseeing was scheduled for early morning hours, before the bright sun made walking too tiring. Charming cotton hats were sold for about \$1 by peddlers waiting at the gangplank, and these proved to be essential. Many passengers who visited the souk in Luxor on their own were able to be fitted for custom-made caftans that cost about \$7, delivered to the boat.

Many, like me, booked a few extra nights at the Sheraton in Luxor for more sightseeing in the Valley of the Kings, with private guides. Some passengers had arrived at Aswan a couple of days sooner and had booked passage on the plane to Abu Simbel, to the south, a colossal temple carved out of the side of a cliff in 1300 BC. It was raised, piece by piece, to safe ground when the new dam flooded the area.

Meals on board were not exactly up to gourmet standards, but were quite acceptable. Especially breakfast, which included cereals, fresh fruit, a variety of rolls and breads, eggs cooked to order, and just about anything that was requested. Lunch, the main meal, was served at open-seating tables. Dinner was an adequate buffet.

Mineral water was always available. Service was always pleasant, if not always speedy. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



Shikaras are the usual means of transport at Srinagar where the mountains are always in the backdrop.

No heat, no dust, no hurry

By Andrew Powell

IT'S a quiet place. The lane winds along a ridge through pine trees and drifts of last year's needles lie in the gutter, undisturbed from one season to the next.

There is that meaningful hush that you get in forests and even when the wind is thrashing the treetops about, down on the ground everything is still.

Across the valley in the hill-station of Upper Dharamsala you can just make out the brightly-coloured roofs of the Dalai Lama's residence poking through the dark green vegetation.

The church-bell (cast in the East End of London a century ago) clangs the hour and for a moment a vision of the English shires appears to the traveller among the Himalayan foothills.

It is dispelled, abruptly, by the alien growling of Tibetan horns from the roof of a nearby Buddhist monastery.

There are, still places where the long relationship between West and East, between Escher and the Orient, seems scarcely to have ended. Of such places, the hill-stations north of Delhi are some of the most beguiling. After 12 hours overnight of the "Jammu Mail" I staggered into the dining-room on Pathankot station, hung up my jacket on a strangely familiar mahogany stand and settled down to fried eggs on toast.

These arrived on a heavy white plate bearing a blue crest and the legend "Northern Railways". Clearly some things had not changed much in the past 50 years.

For those determined to cultivate nostalgia, the only way to travel to a hill-station is by train. Pathankot was once the railroad for both Dalhousie and Dharamsala and every spring the platform must have been choked with memsahibs, their fractious offspring and their long-suffering ayahs.

Capacity

The hill-stations have always been full to capacity in the late spring and early summer when the climate of northern India is at its most ferocious.

However, the best months of the year in the foothills are, paradoxically, March and October, when the air is clear and the peaks are plainly visible. Hill-stations in June are often crowded, dusty and quite hot.

Dharamsala is a case in point. In late February a couple of years ago, I made the four-hour drive from Pathankot, winding steadily up through the Kangra Valley, entranced by the splendour of the scenery. The Dhauladar, a snow-

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covered rock wall 15,000 feet high, rose sheer from fluorescent yellow mustard fields, through which swift streams (still annually stocked with brown trout) dashed down to the plains.

When I returned in mid-May this year, the Dhauladar was obscured by a thick haze and the streets of Upper Dharamsala were choked with busloads of Indian holidaymakers.

For the middle-class inhabitant of northern India, especially Delhi, a week in the hills during the hot season is nowadays desirable not only in itself, but also as a potent status symbol, matched only by ownership of a Mercedes.

The destination most favoured is undoubtedly Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, and Indian Airlines have considerable difficulty coping with the demand.

If they put an extra Airbus on the Delhi-Srinagar route in May and June, it is front-page news in the Times of India.

Srinagar was not really a hill-station in the days of the Raj, partly because a railway line was never built through the Pir Panjal, the 14,000 ft mountain range which separates the Kashmir Valley from the rest of India, and partly because the British were prevented from buying land by the Maharajah of Kashmir.

Determined not to be thwarted, some ingenious Britons constructed the now famous houseboats on the valley's lakes instead. Although these have remained popular with Western visitors ever since, for some reason they have found little favour with the Indians themselves. Srinagar may be today the most popular summer resort, but Simla and Mussoorie are still the most fashionable.

Apogee

Architecturally Simla, with its half-timbered, mock-Tudor buildings, has changed very little since the days when it was India's summer capital.

Gorton Castle still dominates the town, Clarke's Hotel is open for business, as are the Gaiety Theatre and the Ice Skating Club ("Est. 1920 —

The only one of its kind in Asia").

The atmosphere of Simla during the high season has, however, become completely Indian, due to the sheer numbers of people who nowadays cram into its steep and narrow streets.

Mussoorie, in contrast, even at the spring season's apogee, is still tranquil and leisured. This is chiefly because the town, unlike Simla, is spread out over a wide area. Whereas Simla was a centre of government, Mussoorie was always the pleasure capital of India.

Built at 6,600 ft on a ridge running parallel to the main Himalayan range, it has a glorious situation. To the south the hillside falls away almost vertically to the plains, while to the north, when the air is clear, the horizon is serrated by a line of 20,000 ft snow-peaks.

From their glaciers flow the rivers Ganges and Jumna, both of which are clearly visible, glistening in the sunshine.

Rajiv Gandhi was in town when I was there, visiting, if my informant was correct, the great Birla trading family in Happy Valley, a district of Mussoorie still divided up into the gardens of colonial bungalows. There the tennis courts are still marked out and the lawns newly mown.

Mussoorie's most remarkable surviving monument to the British period is by contrast rather dilapidated. The owner of the Savoy hotel, Anand Jauhar, seemed somewhat dispirited when I found him supervising repairs to the corrugated iron roof.

Impeccably dressed in grey flannels and a dark blue blazer, he would not have looked out of place in Henley.

Half Scottish gothic, half Loire chateau, the Savoy is the most wonderful old colonial hotel I have yet discovered, anywhere.

True, the ballroom is looking a bit tatty and the stags' heads are a trifle moth-eaten, but the green baize on the snooker tables is admirably smooth and the long verandahs are still polished daily.

"We try to keep the place up," Jauhar sighed, "but everything is so expensive nowadays."

"I dare say Indians want to forget the colonial period, but this place really ought to be restored as a national monument."

Jauhar positively glowed with pleasure at this suggestion. "From London, are you? Have a drink, my dear chap. I'm afraid the gin is local and we can't get tonic, but I think you'll find soda and angostura bitters a perfectly tolerable substitute."

By Julianne Spain

NEW YORK: "That ennobled rock, that ship of life, that swarming million-footed, tower-masted, and sky-soaring citadel that bears the magic name of the Island of Manhattan."

Thomas Wolfe's description of the heart of New York City in his novel "The Web and the Rock," published in 1939, could have been written today. How does one get to know a city of this immensity?

A good start is to take walking tour.

On any given weekend there are a variety of guided walks offered by organisations, companies, and individuals. Several are listed in New York Magazine under "other events," or in the New York Times on Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau gives free information on all aspects of the city, including companies that provide custom-designed walks.

One Saturday, after consideration of all the choices — Soho's Shops, Firehouses of Lower Manhattan, Movie Stars' Homes of the West Side, Murray Hill's Historic Landmarks — I joined the group tour to see the Art Deco buildings of 42nd Street.

The tour began in front of the Daily News building. After paying the \$8 fee, collected by the Art Deco Society of New York, we split into two groups.

Visited

Our guide Kyle York — a colourful figure clad in straw hat and tropical shirt — explained the criteria necessary for a building to qualify for the Art Deco classification. It was perfectly illustrated by the Daily News building in front of us: Craning our necks skyward, we saw that it rose 16 stories from its base, then the mass was gracefully cut back to a quarter of the lot size. This became the requisite "free-standing tower." Windowless stretches of brick, alternating with sections incorporating glass, added significantly to the necessary vertical feeling of soaring straight up.

An intricate design on the facade of the building looked as if it had been cut by a laser beam. The sides were ornate as

New York — at your own sweet time

How does one get to know a city of such immensity? A good way is to walk either on a guided tour or with audio walking tour tapes at your own pace.

well — a characteristic of Art Deco structures. The style, mainly derived from Cubism, also borrowed elements from Aztec, Mayan, and Egyptian architecture.

Next, we visited the famous silver curves of the Chrysler Building. York told with enthusiasm how this shining, elegant, rocket-like structure met Art Deco standards. "Certainly, there is no problem understanding this is a free-standing tower, because they got the corner site. It's what all the Art Deco architects wanted. If they couldn't get it, they'd make it happen by cutting in an alley or doing a little bit of trickery to fool the eye."

York, charging across busy streets with the bravery only seen in a New York native — temporarily leaving a few timid types behind — led us to look at 10 Art Deco exteriors in all. We also visited several lobbies — when the doorman granted special permission.

York said the lavish detail so apparent in the construction of these buildings was affordable only because of the skilled immigrant artisans who came to the United States before the 1930s, when the style was popular.

After a few stops, we turned our attention to what was once the "tallest building in the US," the Empire State Building. York told us wonderful stories about how the edifice got its "hat," or very top portion, designed by architect William Lamb. He also told us about the B-25 bomber that crashed into

the tower in 1945, during a blackout. Then he pointed in the opposite direction: 500 Fifth Avenue is almost a mirror image — without the top — and this is nicknamed the "little Empire State Building."

Three-and-a-half hours after beginning, we finished the tour with the original McGraw-Hill Building, unusual because of its green colour. This is attributable to a tinted terra-cotta exterior. The interior is reminiscent of the old Flash Gordon movies, with lights circled with several parallel metal bands, like cylindrical Saturns.

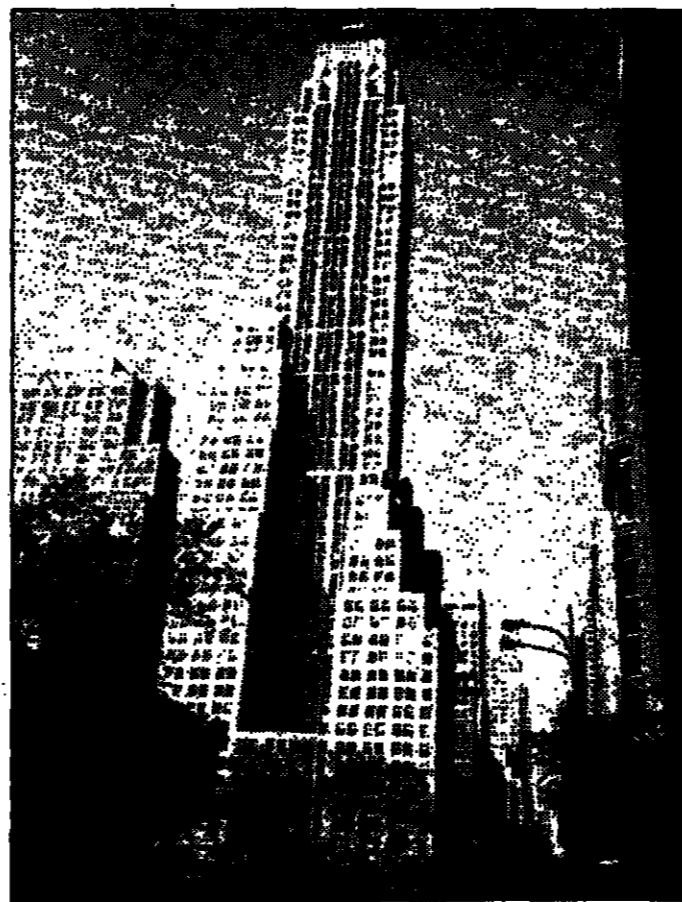
The next day, Sunday, there was an even wider selection of walks. A morning tour called "Archaeological Lower Manhattan," sponsored by the 92nd Street Y, sounded interesting — and perfectly suited to an early-afternoon train departure.

Petite

Karen Robinson, a petite woman with a doctorate in archaeology, led us through the winding streets from Trinity Church to Battery Park. She showed a remarkable command of her subject — as well as her control over the intents of a watch vendor, when he tried to sell us wares that came from who knows where.

"The Indians used (these) islands as fishing grounds," Dr Robinson explained. Then came the Dutch immigrants, who built a wooden wall along what is now called Wall Street.

That wall was searched for, but never found, on the archaeological digs that take



This New York City building at 500 Fifth Avenue is almost a mirror image of the Empire State Building except that it lacks the tower on top.

place whenever new buildings go up that require a building code variance. Searching through the remnants of long-forgotten cisterns and privies can provide valuable information about New York's earliest European inhabitants, who lived here back about 1625, when this area was known as New Amsterdam.

With obvious sadness, Robinson pointed out some other buildings under construction right on top of remnants of that era — all legally, within the city's building code. She showed us a spot where most of a ship had to be left beneath a newly paved street; archaeologists were able to excavate only the prow in the time allotted them to do the job, she said.

Our group tour ended at South Street Seaport, where most of the "finds" are kept in its museum.

This walk took a little under two hours.

There is a varied assortment of walks throughout the summer and into the fall. A few tours are offered during the winter. The Art Deco tours are in May and September, the archaeology tour in May.

On sunny days it would be a good idea to bring a hat and sunglasses. It might be wise to check whether a rest stop or facilities are provided along the way.

To learn more about New York's theatre scene, this writer recommends "backstage on Broadway," a theatre tour given Monday through Saturday mornings.

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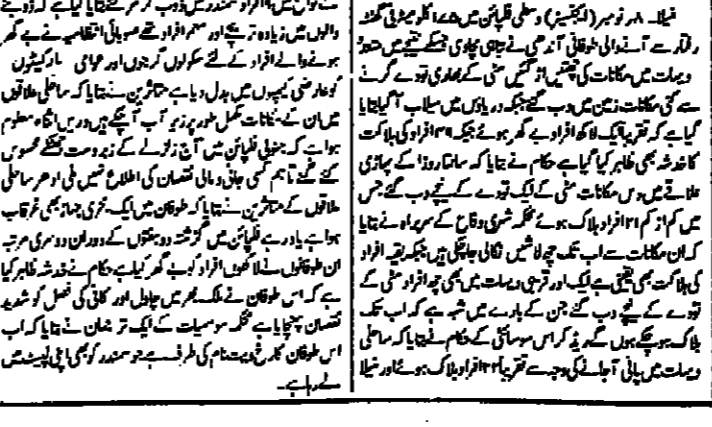
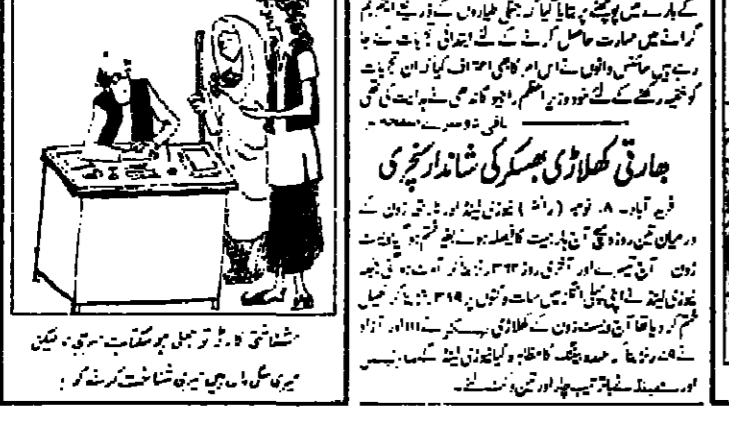
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CRICKET

May fit to play against W. Indies

SYDNEY, Nov 8, (Reuters): Australian spinner Tim May is back in contention for a spot in the side that takes on the West Indies at Brisbane in the first Test on November 18.

May, who dislocated the little finger of his right hand last week, has recovered and would be a bonus for Australia as he and paceman Bruce Reid were the outstanding bowlers on the recent tour of Pakistan.

Former Test batsman and South Australian captain David Hookes said, after his side lost to the tourists over the weekend, that he thought the West Indies were not invincible.

"But that's not to say it's not going to be a tough encounter," Hookes said.

The Australian selectors will announce a Test squad tomorrow or Thursday.

May's quick recovery compensates for a shattering blow last Thursday when Reid Australia's most successful bowler in recent Test, was ruled out of the Brisbane match due to a spinal injury.

Doubt

The Australian selectors have another headache because fast bowler Craig McDermott is also in doubt with an ankle injury.

Australian captain Allan Border said McDermott should miss an upcoming Sheffield Shield match to be sure of being fit.

"He wants to play in the Test, I know that, but he'll only do himself more harm if he goes over on the ankle again," he said.

While Australian selectors seem to have discarded their policy in recent seasons of wholesale changes, a number of up-and-coming youngsters are in with a real chance for a Test spot.

Fast bowler Chris Matthews, who single-handedly destroyed an under-strength West Indian side last month in a tour match, and all-rounder Mark Waugh are among a handful of outstanding candidates.

First-change Test batsman Dean Jones, after some indifferent performances in Pakistan and in recent Sheffield Shield matches, is in danger of being replaced.

The likely Australian side for the first Test is: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Mike Veletta, Graeme Wood, Stephen Waugh, Ian Healy, Geoff Lawson, Tim May, Craig McDermott, Tony Dodemaide and Terry Alderman.

Jubilee win

JUBILEE beat Rising Star by 34 runs in a friendly match earlier this week.

Batting first, Jubilee scored 142 for the loss of four wickets while Rising Star could only manage 108. Manzoor Elahi was the top scorer for Jubilee with 64 while Azim hit 39.

Nooruddin took four Rising Star wickets in five overs.

EUROPEAN CUP FAVOURITES TO MISS GULLIT

Milan face difficult test of character

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuters): Italian soccer champions AC Milan will need to survive an unpredictable test of their character and temperament in Belgrade tomorrow if they are to justify their position as favourites in the European Cup this season.

Without captain and chief inspiration Ruud Gullit, the centerpiece of their trio of European championship-winning Dutchmen, they have to find an alternative source of guidance for their finely-balanced second round second leg tie against Yugoslav champions Red Star.

Unexpected Gullit, out with a thigh strain and yet to finish a game this season, is sure to be sorely missed by the Italians who need to score to avoid an unexpected early exit from the competition. The first leg in Milan ended 1-1.

"We will be facing a difficult team without a great player," said Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi. "Gullit is the best in Europe. You feel it on the pitch and against Red Star his presence would be an enormous advantage."

With holders PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands virtually

assured of a safe passage to the quarterfinals thanks to a convincing 5-0 first leg win over Porto of Portugal, Milan's match in Belgrade is the most intriguing on a night of 27 ties in all three major European club competitions.

"Now that Gullit is out, we all have to give that much more," said Sacchi who is expected to call up Pietro Paolo Virdis to play alongside Dutch international Marco van Basten in attack.

Van Basten, at least, is in form having continued to score regularly since the European Championship final, when he was voted the outstanding player, and his finishing skills are likely to prove decisive in a closely-fought game.

If Milan survive, they should be joined in the last eight by 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest, Swedish champions Gothenburg, six-times winners Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven and Neuchatel Xamax of Switzerland.

Steaua, a skilful and disciplined team, travel to Spartak Moscow with a 3-0 first leg lead for protection, Gothenburg have a similar lead against Neotoni



Gullit
Tirana of Albania and Neuchatel Xamax, who visit Galatasaray of Turkey, also lead 3-0.

Madrid, who meet Poland's Gornik Zabrze on Thursday, showed impressive form on Sunday when they beat Celta 4-1 and kick off with a 1-0 advantage.

Porto, world club champions, European Super Cup holders and FSV's predecessors as Champions' Cup winners in 1987, face a daunting task in attempting to overhaul a 5-0 deficit against the Dutchmen.

But they can at least draw hope from the holders' injury list — Wim Kieft, with a knee problem, has joined Berry van Aerle, Edward Linskens and Ivan Nielsen on the sidelines — and know newly-signed Brazilian striker Romario will be ineligible.

As in Belgrade, another close tie is in prospect in Monaco where the French champions attempt to overcome a 1-0 deficit against former Belgium. Monaco hope former England striker Mark Hateley will be fit to return.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, the outstanding tie is in Belgium where holders Mechelen visit Anderlecht with a 1-0 lead from the first leg for protection.

Highly-competitive and evenly-balanced matches are

also likely between Italy's Sampdoria, for whom Brazilian striker Cerezo returns after suspension, and Carl Zeiss Jena of East Germany and Poland's Lech Poznan and Barcelona. Both ended 1-1 after the first leg.

In the UEFA Cup, Partizan Belgrade's visit to Roma promises the most dynamic action. Partizan won the first leg 4-2 after Roma's international midfielder and captain Giuseppe Giannini was struck by missiles thrown from the crowd.

Roma failed in a subsequent appeal to UEFA for the result to be overturned — a decision which is sure to add fire to Roma's impassioned efforts to reach the third round.

Injuries The Italians will be without suspended striker Ruggiero Ruzicelli and Brazilian Renato.

Napoli have also been badly hit by injuries in preparation for their return with East Germany's Lokomotiv Leipzig and could be without midfielder Fernando de Napoli and defender Ciro Ferrara as well as viral hepatitis victims Alemão of Brazil and Tebaldo Bigliardi. The first leg ended 1-1.



The Evergreen squad with team officials.

Evergreen win easily

EVERGREEN scored a seven-wicket victory over KIFCO at the Abdullah Salem grounds earlier this week.

Winning the toss, Evergreen's skipper Razzaq put in KIFCO to bat. KIFCO opened their innings through Arshad Shams and Tariq who put on 58 runs for the first wicket before the former was out for 28. Tariq followed him to the pavilion two runs later.

Absence

KIFCO went for some quick runs and managed to score 192 in 28 overs. Aslam Pervaiz scored 34, Aqueel 26 and Amin 25.

For Evergreen, Zagar took two wickets while Chris, Dawood, Shehzad and Ejaz got one each.

In the absence of regular opener Baber, Evergreen opened their innings through Ejaz and Inam. Both the batsmen ham-

pered the KIFCO bowling, taking the score to 72 by the 10th over before Inam was caught by Rashid off Riffat for 40. He hit six fours.

Razzaq and Ejaz then took the score to 150. Ejaz was sent back to the pavilion by Amin after scoring 60 in which he hit five fours.

Razzaq managed to score 65 before he was caught with the score at 180. He hit a six and seven fours. Evergreen went past the required target, without further loss, in the 26th over.

Evergreen had a meeting recently and the following were appointed as office bearers: organiser, M. Afzal Chughtai; president, Yunus Chaudhry; manager, Aslam Saeed; secretary, Siddique Ahmed; vice-president, Shahid Maqbool; captain, Razzaq Ahmed, vice-captain, Inam-ul-Islam and press secretary, Tahir Mahmood.

Cantt outlast Meridien

CANTT Cricket Club defeated Meridien Cricket Club by two wickets at the Rumeithiya ground earlier this week.

After winning the toss, Meridien batted first and scored 106 for the loss of eight wickets. Mirza was the only batsman to do well with 50. For Cantt, Waheed took three wickets while Shariq and Tahir got two and

one wicket respectively.

Cantt started badly losing their first three wickets for only four runs before Shariq stemmed the rot with 44. Khalid batted well for his 26 and Darryl scored 10 as Cantt went past the victory target with two wickets to spare.

For Meridien, Afzal and Inayat took two wickets each while Ahmed got one.

Starlite outclass Morning Star

Unity edge Bright Stars

UNITY overcame Bright Stars by four runs while Starlite defeated Morning Star by 37 runs in Thursday League matches in Ahmadi.

In the first match, at the Oval, Unity won the toss and opted to bat. They opened their innings through Ejaz and Inam who put on 16 runs in two overs before Yogesh Patel had Ejaz caught behind by Ajmal for 11.

Stumped Dawood and Inam, playing cautiously, grew in confidence and took the score to 66.

Dawood was stumped off Robin at this stage for 22. Inam also went back to the pavilion after scoring 41, caught by Yogesh off Robin.

Razzaq and Lewis then hit anything short or overpitched

to push Unity's score. Lewis hammered 24 and Razzaq slammed a quickfire 31 to make Unity 124 for four.

Chris and Abid then took Unity's score to 156 for five in 21 overs. For Bright Stars, Robin was the best bowler taking three wickets for 14 in only three overs.

For Bright Stars, Zulqarnain and Saleem put on 53 runs for the first wicket. Danny made no impression on the openers and was hit for 18 runs in one over by Zulqarnain.

Saleem was caught by Ejaz off Dawood for 17 but Ajmal (27) and Arun (23) took Bright Stars to 117 for three in 15 overs.

Zulqarnain kept on batting with a lot of authority before he

was out for 62, bowled by Ejaz. He hit five fours and two sixes.

The batsmen to follow failed to take up the challenge and Bright Stars could only make 152 for six in 21 overs. Ejaz and Dawood took two wickets each for Unity.

Loosing

At the Oval, Starlite batted first and scored 150 for six in 20 overs. They had started badly, losing their first wicket with only two runs on the board.

Arif hit 71 and Shehzad 51 to take them to a respectable total. Chasing 151 for victory, Morning Star had no answer to the spin of Bader and Qayyum and were dismissed for 129. Only Pervaiz with 20, Waqar (22) and Maqsood (28) could reach the double figures.

BKME and Hubara win

BANK of Rawan and Middle East (BKME) thrashed Flying Arrows Cricket Club by six wickets while Hubara crushed NBK by eight wickets in Jashanmal Friday League matches at the KOC ground in Ahmadi.

Set to score 162 for victory, BKME got the runs for the loss of only four wickets. Ramesh was the top scorer with 40 while Rodney hit 31. Ram Mohan 24 and Ronny Sr 16. Naushad remained unbeaten on 18.

For Flying Arrows, Ashok took two wickets while Salim got one.

Earlier Flying Arrows were restricted to 161 in 30 overs with Mathew taking four wickets for 31 runs. James and Salim claimed two wickets each while

Ronny Jr and Salim had a scalp each.

Derrick was the top scorer for Flying Arrows with 49.

In the other match, NBK found the going very hard and wickets fell to the opening bowlers Patrick Flower and David Boldy. Both bowlers found their line and length quickly and NBK never looked as though a high score was on the cards and were only able to muster 64. Flower was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 26 and Boldy 4 for 27 while the NBK top scorer was Ali Reza with 20 briskly scored runs.

In reply, Hubara scored the 64 required runs for the loss of only two wickets. Top scorers were Nick Elphinstone 32 not out and David Talbot 24.

UAS end season on high note



he UAS boys team.



action shot of the UAS-Al Bayan girls match.

IE Universal American school (UAS) hosted the Kuwait reign Schools Athletic Conference (KFSAC) Varsity basketball Tournament over the weekend and took the title in one of the while finishing second in the other.

JAS proved their class in the section to clinch the crown

while the girls fought hard and earned second place.

American School of Kuwait (ASK) took the second place in the boys section while Al Bayan finished third.

The Al Bayan School girls made up for the third place in the boys event by taking the title, with ASK in third place after



The Al Bayan girls squad.



The UAS girls squad which finished second in their event.

UAS. This was the culmination of a very successful volleyball season for UAS as they took the Junior Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Girls titles earlier this season.

ASK had finished second in the boys event of the junior tournament while the New English School had taken third place. In

the girls event, ASK again took second place with Al Bayan third.

UAS will now be looking to repeat last year's performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference Varsity Volleyball Tournament in Amman later this month. They won that tournament last year.

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Kuwait golf

THE 23rd Kuwait Open Golf Championship will be held at the Ahmadi golf course tomorrow and Friday. Sheikh Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, patron of the Ahmadi Golf Committee, will inaugurate the championship tomorrow at 8.00 am.

Gilbert triumphs

LONDON, Nov 8. (Reuters): Second seed Brad Gilbert stroled through the first round of the impoverished London Grand Prix tennis tournament today in a match with Briton Andrew Castle which barely raised temperatures in the chilly Wembley arena. Gilbert won 6-4.

Single federation

MONTE CARLO, Nov 8. (Reuters): American promoter Bob Arum called today for a single world boxing federation only five days after the inauguration of a fourth international organisation and added that there was room for only one champion in each division.

Butcher fined

GLASGOW, Scotland, Nov 8. (AP): England international defender Terry Butcher was fined £500 (\$850) by a soccer disciplinary panel yesterday for kicking the door of the referee's room after his team, Glasgow Rangers, had lost to Aberdeen.

Astros manager

HOUSTON, Nov 8. (AP): Art Howe, a Texas Rangers coach for the past four seasons, was named manager of the Houston Astros yesterday. He replaced Hal Lanier, who was fired Oct 2 after the final game of the season.

FIFA meeting

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Nov 8. (AP): Joao Havelange, president of soccer's world governing body FIFA, today opened a two-day meeting on "problems of soccer, today and tomorrow" focusing on fair play and crowd's behaviour. The meeting was preceded yesterday by a session of the international soccer federation's medical, technical and referee commissions chaired by Havelange.

Malaysia hold China to draw

NEW DELHI, Nov 8. (Reuters): Results on the fifth day of the Asian zone men's junior World Cup hockey qualifying round today: China and Malaysia drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: China — Yu Hao (31st minute); Malaysia — M. Rafidi Idris (52nd). Japan beat Oman 8-0 (5-0). Scorers: Japan — Hiroaki Sato (8th, 10th), Eisaku Ijichi (19th), Akiyoshi Watanabe (21st, 23rd, 37th, 67th), Masanari Yamaguchi (49th). South Korea beat India 1-0 (0-0). Scorer: Yun Jung-Kwan (49th).

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Dushill Bridge Tournament (6th week) games held at the Hilton Hotel on Monday: N/S 1. Tawil & Sabri 2. Ahmed & Medhat 3. Sapre & Gajjar E/W 1. Mrs & Mr Wilson 2. Mrs Sapre & Imam Ali 3. Desmond & Aurora

Al Hajri to put Kuwait's rally hopefuls to the test

ROTHMANS rally ace and current leader of the Middle East Championship Saeed Al Hajri is taking a well-earned break from his demanding schedule of international rallying to visit the Sultan Center today and tomorrow. Al Hajri, currently preparing for the Dubai International Rally, will be at the center to see how Kuwait's budding rally hopefuls get to grips with the power of the Rothmans Audi Quattro as it roars its way around a demanding rally route courtesy of the Rothmans Rally simulator.

Likely The simulator is a favourite wherever it appears and the presence of the three-times Middle East champion is likely to guarantee even bigger crowds than usual. Under the watchful eye of the Arab world's top driver, the aspiring rally stars will have to negotiate all the twists, turns and straights that await them. The simulator's in-built computer will record every gear change and turn of the wheel, and award points for speed around the corners and down the straights. There are various prizes on offer to the drivers who can come through the white-knuckled test

REFEREE STOPS FIGHT IN NINTH ROUND

Leonard stops Lalonde for two titles

LAS VEGAS, Nov 8. (Reuters): Sugar Ray Leonard survived an early knockdown to drop Canadian Donny Lalonde to the canvas twice in the ninth round and win his fourth and fifth world titles yesterday.

Leonard, who had fought only three times in nearly seven years before last night, won the World Boxing Council's newly-created super middleweight title and captured Lalonde's WBC light heavyweight crown.

Lalonde, 28, caught Leonard with a short, clubbing right hand to knock him down in the fourth round.

Raised

"I just got lazy. He timed it right," Leonard said.

Lalonde raised his hands in victory as he walked back to his corner after that round.

Leonard, outboxed in the first few rounds, began to find the range on Lalonde in the sixth round with sharp jabs.

Leonard, 32, got off to a good start in the seventh round, landing solid lefts and rights to the face of Lalonde, who was getting careless and dropping his hands.

Lalonde, a brawling, awkward fighter, taunted Leonard by stick-



Leonard lands a left hook to the jaw of Lalonde. (Reuters wirephoto)

ing a pawing left hand in Leonard's face and leaving it there for a few moments.

This seemed to enrage Leonard, who rushed Lalonde and tattooed him with furious combinations to the head.

Leonard tagged Lalonde with a left to the head to knock him

down the first time in the ninth round. Shortly afterward, he caught the Canadian against the ropes and pounded him with more combinations, knocking him down for the last time with a right-left combination.

American referee Richard Steele stopped the fight at two

minutes and 30 seconds of the round.

"He expended his energy and came on strong and I just bobbed and weaved and caught his shots," Leonard said.

Leonard, who raised his record to 35-1, said he was more surprised than hurt by the knockdown.

After that, he said "it was a matter of time and utilizing my experience before I caught him. It was a matter of me maintaining my composure."

Lalonde did not maintain his own composure after he knocked Leonard down.

"I figured it was just a matter of getting to him. I couldn't catch him. He knows how to fight hurt," Lalonde said. "I sure am upset. I thought I had the fight."

Leonard, never known for effective hooks, relied on that weapon in rounds seven through nine, knocking Lalonde down both times with left hooks.

"I worked on my left hook a lot in the gym," Leonard said. "But I didn't want to give it away early (in the fight). It was just a matter of time before he dropped his right."

Lalonde said he helped Leon-

ard's cause.

"I just wasn't busy enough," Lalonde said. "I should have stuck to the original game plan which was to chase him down. But I started waiting on him."

Leonard predicted before the fight that Lalonde might rely too heavily on his vaunted right hand. Lalonde admitted that he did just that.

"It was the old waiting for the old right-hand bit," said Lalonde, whose record dropped to 31-3.

Criticism

But Leonard had praise for the Canadian's ability.

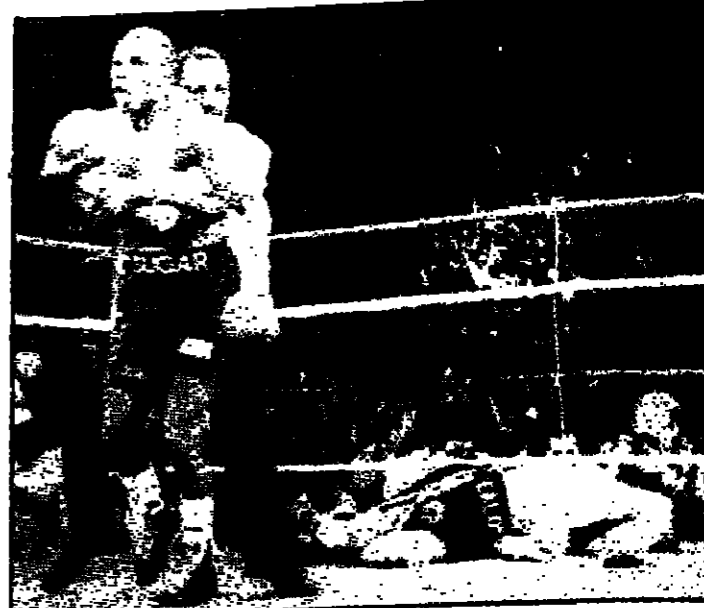
"The fight indicated this man's for real," Leonard said. "There was a lot of criticism and talk that he was not worthy, but he proved everybody wrong."

"He proved he was worthy. He fought like the champion," Leonard said immediately after the bout.

"I gave 100 per cent," Lalonde said. "But Ray Leonard is just a little better fighter than I am. Ray's a very determined man. Ray dug a little deeper than I did. He's got a hell of a heart. He's a hell of a champion. I lost to a good guy."

It was Roman's second consecutive victory over Rojas. The Mexican won the title with a 12-round decision over Rojas last April.

Roman, defending his title for the third time, was able to keep the former champion at bay



Referee Richard Steele restrains Leonard as Lalonde lies on the canvas. (Reuters wirephoto)

Roman retains crown

LAS VEGAS, Nov 8. (Reuters): Mexico's Gilberto Roman used a piercing jab and superb defence to retain his World Boxing Council super flyweight title on a unanimous points decision over Jose "Sugar Baby" Rojas of Colombia yesterday.

It was Roman's second consecutive victory over Rojas. The Mexican won the title with a 12-round decision over Rojas last April.

Roman, defending his title for the third time, was able to keep the former champion at bay

throughout most of the fight by blocking punches and landing effective counter blows.

The only real damage to either fighter came in the third round when their heads collided, opening cuts along the side of the left eye of both fighters.

Most of the bout was tactical, with each man searching for an opening and attacking briefly in an effort to create one.

Roman scored consistently with his jab and follow up right to the head.

Nomads reach Gulf Trophy semifinals

KUWAIT Nomads qualified for the semifinal of the Gulf Knock-out Trophy for the fourth year in a row by beating Qatar R.U.F.C. 42-0 at the Ahmadi ground last Friday.

Qatar paid the price of bringing a below strength side to play a Kuwait team determined to build on their success at the Middle East XV's. With three first choice players missing Kuwait showed their depth of talent by overwhelming Qatar throughout the game.

Kuwait illustrated their new willingness to run the ball early in the game, when a miss — move in the backs put Ellis through to score under the posts. It was next the turn of the forwards to drive Robinson over from a short range line-out. This feat remarkable for the fact that Winfield

had thrown the ball to the wrong place.

Qatar continued to challenge, although the loss of Stapleton with an eye injury did not help their cause. The persistent attempts of Qatar captain Keegan to crash through the Kuwait cover proved fruitless and found centres Gatland and the veteran Hutchinson in superb defensive form. Dominance in the forwards was rewarded with tries for both Kuwait wingers, Bullies and Harvey. With 3 conversions by Adams the half time score was 22-0.

The enthusiastic crowd may well have anticipated the flood gates to open in the second half, but unfortunately its beginning proved to be very scrappy with neither side maintaining any rhythm. This was highlighted

when team mates Adams and Ellis ran in to each other, resulting in seven stitches and an early shower for Ellis. This loss, however, did appear to shake the Nomads from their relative slumber. A back row surge, started by Robinson, handed on by Sole and scored by Hill increased the score.

Whilst it can only be assumed the loss of Ellis was unplanned, the substitute, Whitton crowned a glorious debut with two excellent tries, the second one a 60 metre individual run. He certainly has pace and will be challenging hard for a first team place.

It was left to Robinson to score the final try, following good work by Harvey. Adams, fifth conversion took the score to 42-0.

The crowd certainly seemed to enjoy their first taste of Gulf rugby in Kuwait this year. It was especially pleasing to see the return of John McDevitt, a stalwart of Kuwait rugby for a number of years now.

Errors

Skipper Hill was pleased with the win but commented that Kuwait could not afford to make as many unforced errors in next week's Merit Table game in Dubai.

After losing in the cup final, and coming second in the Merit Table, Dubai will most certainly be looking for revenge.

Oilers edge Browns

HOUSTON, Nov 8. (AP): Mike Rozier and Alonzo Highsmith led a rugged ground game with touchdown runs, and the Houston defence contained Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar, leading the Oilers to a 24-17 victory last night.

The victory ended five years of winless frustration for the Oilers, who snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Browns and won their 15th home game in their last 16 non-strike contests. It left the Oilers with a 6-3 record, a game behind Cincinnati in the AFC Central. The Browns fell to third in the division with a 6-4 record.

Fought

Houston quarterback Warren Moon, who had lost to the Browns seven times, hit Ernest Givins with an eight-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, extending the Oilers' lead to 21-3.

But the Browns fought back with a 20-yard double reverse by

Reggie Langhorne for a touchdown and a four-yard touchdown pass from Kosar to tight end Ozzie Newsome with 7:26 left in the game. The reception was the 600th of Newsome's NFL career.

The Oilers struck quickly in the third quarter after Johnny Meads blocked a punt by Cleveland's Max Runger at the Browns' 30.

On the third play, Moon scrambled out of the pocket and hit Givins in the end zone with just 1:54 gone in the second half. Givins started on the left side and zig-zagged his way to the end zone to make the diving touchdown catch in front of Browns safety Felix Wright.

Houston scored again later in the period on a three-yard run by Rozier before Langhorne scored. Rozier keyed the ground game with 76 yards on 23 carries.

England leave out Shilton

LONDON, Nov 8. (Reuters): England manager Bobby Robson left out veteran goalkeeper Peter Shilton today when he named a 20-man squad to play Saudi Arabia in Riyadh on November 16.

Robson also left out reserve goalkeeper Chris Woods and defenders Gary Stevens and Terry Butcher, who are required by their club Glasgow Rangers.

England squad: Goalkeepers — Dave Beasant, David Seaman. Defenders — Mel Sterland, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Adams, Des Walker, Gary Pallister, Michael Thomas. Midfielders — Paul Gascoigne, Bryan Robson, Steve Hodge, David Rocastle. Forwards — Peter Beardsley, Tony Cottee, Gary Lineker, Alan Smith, John Barnes, Chris Waddle, Brian Marwood.



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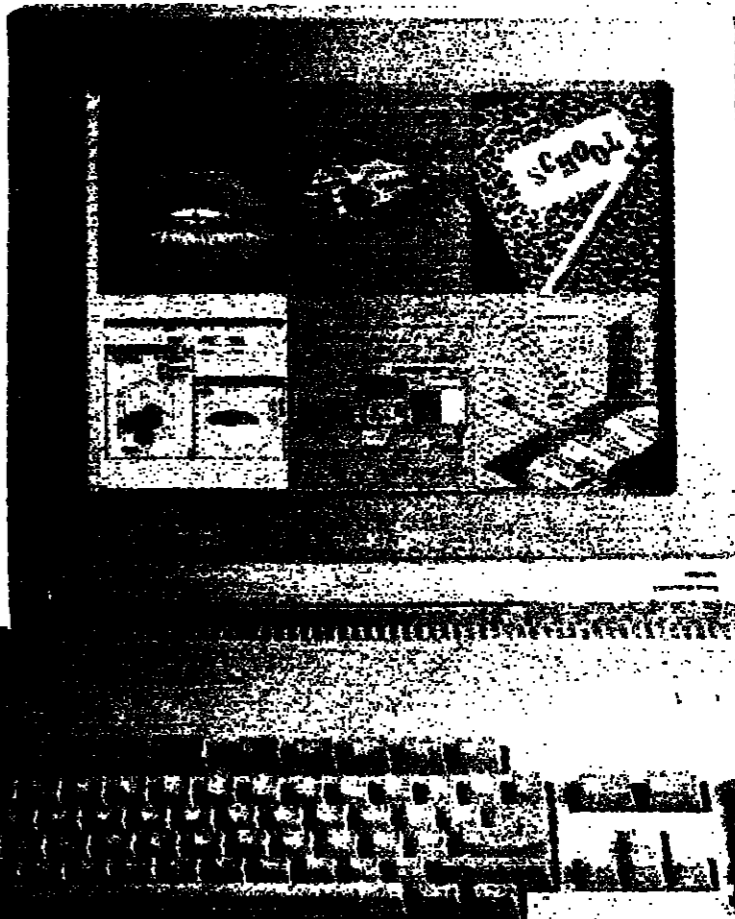
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